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Sterling recovers from 2 cents loss on volatile day

Dollar slides after Volcker issues warning

By Peter Rodgers in London and Alec Brummer in Washington

The dollar yesterday cartwheeled on the foreign exchanges, soaring to new record heights before dropping ferociously because of warnings about its strength from Mr Paul Volcker, the chairman of the US Federal Reserve.

The sudden retreat once again wrongfooted Mrs Thatcher, who was busy explaining to the Commons that no easy remedy existed for the strength of the US currency.

Mr Volcker and another leading member of the Federal Reserve Board — guardians of the US monetary policy — expressed their disquiet about the dollar's continued surge and hinted that a more aggressive policy to knock its value down might be attempted.

The federal reserve governor, Mr Lyle Gramley, told a meeting of business economists that the growing external debt and current account deficit could exert downward pressure at any time. "I wonder if we soon may be approaching a day of reckoning," Mr Gramley said.

The remarks from Mr Volcker, easily the world's most influential monetary official, appear to have had more effect on the foreign exchanges than all the recent attempts at intervention by European central banks.

Sterling had initially plunged another 2 cents to a new ow of $1.0370, but, having looked parity in the face, it shot up again. The London close was $1.0535, a quarter of a cent lower than on Monday, but in New York sterling continued to recover rapidly to close at $1.0615.

The mark was also making strong gains in New York where dealers said that the dollar's almost vertical rise had left it "overdue for a correction."

A RECORD oil surplus was largely responsible for reducing Britain's trade deficit in January to £76 million from December's deficit of £344 million. But non-oil exports fell back to their lowest since last September. Report, back page.

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On the most extraordinary day the foreign exchanges have seen for years the pound and other European currencies at first looked as if they were getting the same drubbing as on Monday.

Sterling also appeared to be heading for serious trouble against the German mark, and other European currencies, after weeks of stability.

Dealers blamed falling spot market oil prices, which knocked the pound 6 pfennigs down against the German mark before it closed 3.25 pfennigs down at DM3.6083 in London, recouping some of the loss later in New York.

Stability against the mark is now thought to be critical to avoid a rise in British interest rates, but this preoccupation was swept away late in the afternoon as Mr Volcker testified to Congress.

The pound's average value on the Bank of England's sterling index had also been to a new low of 70 per cent of its 1975 value. It recovered but to a new record closing low of 70.2. Shares and money market interest rates were largely immune to the panic.

Mr Volcker said that if Congress moved to bring down the big budget deficit — estimated at $200 billion-plus this year — then the Federal Reserve might act to tackle the high value of the dollar.

The US currency's action has come increasingly into focus in the last few days with foreign exchange stories breaking on to the front pages and the network news bulletins for the first time for several weeks. This may stimulate greater political pressure to do something.

Mr Volcker argued that he could not ease monetary policy at present in the hope of reducing interest rates and the dollar, because that might end the flow of foreign capital needed to fund the deficit. If the deficit was reduced, there might be justification for taking off the monetary brakes.

Senior European economic officials in Washington also believe that the strong dollar

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Yes, minister code for Whitehall

By Richard Norton-Taylor

THE GOVERNMENT yesterday announced a new and strict code of conduct for civil servants which, though inspired by the Ponting affair, offers no concession to officials who, like Mr Ponting, argue that they have a wider loyalty than simply that to the government of the day.

The code, the first to be drawn up for over 30 years, was written by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service, and was distributed yesterday to all Whitehall departments. It restates the traditional constitutional convention that ministers, and ministers alone, are responsible to Parliament and that civil servants have no constitutional responsibility or role distinct from that of the minister.

"When, having been given all the relevant information and advice, the minister has taken a decision, it is the duty of civil servants loyally to carry out that decision with precisely the same energy and goodwill, whether they agree with it or not," the code says.

Civil servants, it says, are servants of the Crown. "For all practical purposes, the Crown in this context means and is represented by the government of the day." The duty of a civil servant is "first and foremost" to his or her minister and it is the minister "who is responsible, and answerable to Parliament, for the conduct of the department's affairs and the management of its business."

The code underlines the need for civil servants in what it describes as a "non-political service" to retain the confidence of ministers, something on which, it says, the efficiency of government depends.

"There is and must be a general duty upon every civil servant, serving or retired, not to disclose, in breach of that obligation (to keep that confidence) any document or information or detail about the course of business, which has come his or her way in the course of duty as a civil servant," it continues.

Mrs Thatcher told the Commons in a parliamentary answer yesterday that civil servants are entitled to the trust, respect and support of ministers, and that no competent minister wanted his civil servants "to tailor their advice to what they think the minister wants to hear." But Sir Robert Armstrong told journalists later that as far as civil servants were concerned that was no condition on whether they should abide by their code.

He said that if a civil servant had misgivings about the lack of information the Government gave to the Commons, that was "a problem between Parliament and the minister." But he added that if a civil servant was faced with a serious dilemma he could go to his superior officer.

The code states that if a civil servant was faced with "a fundamental issue of conscience, or is so profoundly opposed to a policy" he should go in the last resort to the permanent secretary of the department who could take up the matter with the Head of the Civil Service. It that did not solve the problem, the civil servant should carry out his instructions or resign.

But Sir Robert said he did not know what he would have advised if Mr Ponting had told him that ministers were misleading Parliament. One possibility would have been to try and transfer "the burden of conscience" onto the permanent secretary or a minister.

He acknowledged that during the Ponting affair civil servants had expressed concern about the confusion or uncertainty surrounding the whole question of ethical dilemmas they may face. But his code does not mention the possibility of transferring to another department, though Sir Robert did say later that if the objections were genuine, such a request should not affect a civil servant's career.

His code makes it clear that even if a civil servant does resign he is still bound by strict secrecy rules. But he added: "I should be very surprised if we had seen the last of leaks."

What next? miners ask

By Keith Harper, Labour Editor

A further 1,464 miners ended their strike yesterday as coalfields called for new directions from their national leaders on the next moves in the dispute.

Yesterday's total returning to work was the highest achieved for any Tuesday since the strike began last March. The National Coal Board, which gave the figures, claimed that more than 50 per cent of the National Union of Mineworkers' members will be back today if a further 400 return to work on this morning's shift.

The Government and the board are expected to make much of this watershed in the dispute, but NUM leaders last night were still declaring their resolve to press for a negotiated settlement.

In advance of tomorrow's meeting of the NUM executive in Sheffield the leadership agreed that local pressures were building up to abandon the strike and to stage an orderly return to work without a settlement.

They will be resisted by Mr Arthur Scargill, the union president, and most executive colleagues.

The board said yesterday that 5,308 men had abandoned the strike in the past two days, leaving more than 92,000 still out.

Mr Ian MacGregor, the board chairman, told 4,000 businessmen attending the annual convention of the Institute of Directors in London that there were many brave men among those who had returned.

He went on: "It is my earnest hope that their efforts will result in the resurgence of their union as the true democratic labour union that it used to be."

Ian MacGregor — praising brave men

The calls came from South Wales and Yorkshire. The South Wales area executive decided to press for an urgent recall of the NUM's delegate conference.

Mr Emlyn Williams, the area president, said that at tomorrow's national executive he would be calling on the national leadership to "appraise the situation in a realistic manner."

In Barnsley the Yorkshire miners' area council voted by 70-three to continue the strike, after pressure from some pits to call off the dispute.

In the North-east miners' leaders, while supporting the strike, called for a reappraisal of the NUM's position.

Mr Scargill and Mr Mick McGahey, the union's vice-president, concluded their meetings yesterday with Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, who will be making a report to the TUC general council today.

The miners' president was offered little immediate hope from Congress House, although

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The Fox gets six life terms

By Paul Brown

MALCOLM FAIRLEY, a burglar who turned rapist and became known as the Fox when he committed 80 crimes in five months last summer, was given six life sentences at St Albans Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Caulfield said he wanted the public to know that he was giving Fairley, aged 32, the maximum sentence on each of the 13 charges to which he pleaded guilty. But he recommended no minimum period in prison.

Fairley evaded 150 police, many of them armed, patrolling a small triangle between Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable in Bedfordshire and Tring in Hertfordshire last year.

The court was told that he used a stolen sawn-off shotgun to threaten his victims. He then tied them up, raped them, acting out scenes from

Video films turned burglar into rapist, page 3

pornographic videos. Five medical reports had highlighted the influence of pornography on Fairley.

The judge said: "There are degrees of wickedness and depravity beyond the capacity of condemnatory description. Your crimes fell within this category.

"They are crimes for which there is no exculpation. Crimes which left your victims in utter terror, with lifelong burdens of frightening memories.

"You have desecrated and defiled man and woman, old and youthful in their own homes, which you have then pillaged."

Referring to Fairley's change from a burglar to a rapist after watching pornographic videos Mr Justice Caulfield went on: "You are a decadent advertisment for the evil pornographers. They will want to forget you as one of their worst casualties."

Fairley was gaoled for life on each of three charges of rape and life for each of three charges of burglary with intent to rape.

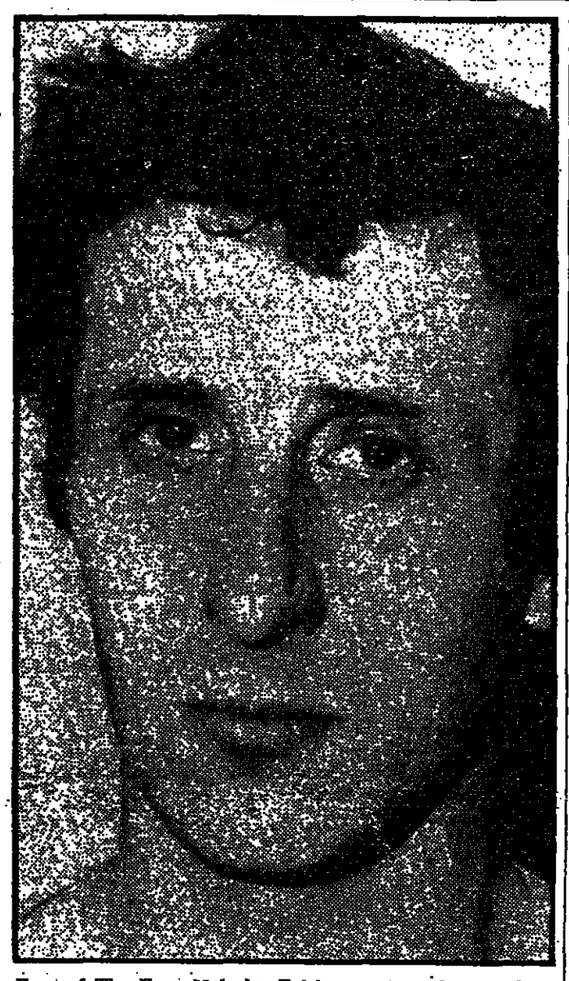
He was sentenced to 14 years on each of five counts of entering houses with intent to steal or actually stealing; to 10 years for indecent assault on a man; and to two years for indecent assault on a widow aged 73.

All sentences were concurrent. Another 68 offences were taken into consideration.

Mr Michael Connell, QC, defending, said his client was inadequate, illiterate and innumerate. "He has a very inadequate personality, the consequence is that he has no clear idea of right or wrong."

Fairley was trying to imitate what he had seen on the video screen and trying it out himself.

After his last rape, in Yorkshire, he had broken up the gun and buried it but then carried out attacks with a knife.



Face of The Fox: Malcolm Fairley, sentenced to six life terms at St Albans yesterday for rape and burglary with intent to rape

Argentina alters Falkland stance in informal talks

By James Naughtie, Political Correspondent

Proposals drawn up by British and Argentine parliamentarians for informal Falklands discussions have raised hopes of better progress towards the return of normal relations.

A confidential document submitted to both governments suggests that enough common ground was agreed to encourage "the gradual build-up of confidence among the parties concerned." Meetings at ministerial level are ruled out for the moment.

The proposals were drawn up last week in Washington by three Argentine parliamentarians — two of them close associates of President Alfonsin — and three MPs who are members of the South Atlantic council.

They were Mr Robert Harvey, Conservative for Clwyd South-west, Mr Bruce George, Labour Walsall South, and Mr George Foulkes, Labour Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley.

Mr Alastair Cameron, the Falklands government representative in London, acted as an observer but still put across the islanders' views to the Argentine representatives.

His presence is regarded as being of considerable significance. It was the first formal contact between Argentina and a Falkland islander since the conflict.

The document does not suggest any breakthrough on the stumbling block of sovereignty but the Argentine representatives agreed to phrases which suggest conciliation. The document says: "There was agreement on the importance of the preservation of the way of life and respect for the wishes of the islanders." That goes further than previous Argentine statements.

The tone also emphasises the need for a gradual approach to build trust between London and Buenos Aires and with the islanders in discussing "all matters relating to the return to peaceful relations."

The Foreign Office emphasised last night that the Government refuses to discuss the question of a transfer of sovereignty.

The meeting discussed possible solutions such as shared sovereignty, the transfer of sovereignty with treaty guarantees and forms of lease back.

Given Mrs Thatcher's position, the more important element is the agreement of the Argentines to a gentle resumption of normal relations.

It says: "In respect to these ultimate goals it was understood that the process would be step by step 'natural,' conscious and voluntary, with the islanders influencing the pace in response to developing relationships with Argentina."

Whitehall is cautious as previously friendly encounters with Argentine parliamentarians have not been matched by President Alfonsin.

The contacts made in Wash-

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Mugabe men 'shot Muzorewa officials'

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

Five officials of the small Zimbabwe opposition party led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa were dragged from their train in the north-western town of Hwange and shot dead on the station platform by supporters of the ruling Zanu-PF party in front of horrified passengers, a witness said yesterday.

The account was given to a press conference at which Bishop Muzorewa, head of the United African National Council (Uanc), claimed that Zanu had hired the assassins to kill the officials for $400.

The witness, Fanny Chimbare, described how about 40 Uanc supporters boarded the train on Sunday in Hwange to return to Bulawayo after attending a party rally.

Bishop Muzorewa — charges at press conference

He said they were all taken from the train, but the five — three women and two men — were singled out and shot dead at close range by the men, who were armed with an AK-47 automatic rifle and three pistols.

"They were shouting Zanu slogans like 'Pamberi ne Zanu' and shouting that two Zanu people were killed in Bulawayo, so their intention was to destroy support of the Uanc," Mr Chimbare said.

The Hwange killings come amid other charges that members of the opposition Zapu party have been murdered, as well as several members of Zanu. Despite the postponement of general elections until June, it appears that tension and litical violence are increasing in the country.

The incident was the worst act of politically-motivated violence so far in campaigning for the elections, the first since Zimbabwe became independent in 1980.

The Government said yesterday that two people suspected of being Zanu-PF members had been arrested in connection with the killings.

The statement, issued after a cabinet meeting, said: "The law will take its normal course and police are investigating."

Bishop Muzorwa told the news conference he thought the killers would be released in government orders. "They will not be released immedi-

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Backing for MI5 film

By our Political Editor

Channel 4 last night called for the lifting of the ban on the programme about MI5 and telephone tapping which the Independent Broadcasting Authority ordered off the air last week.

The channel's board passed an unanimous resolution endorsing the right of 20/20 vision to make the programme and proposed to press the IBA.

The programme which includes allegations from two former MI5 officers about breaches of tapping and surveillance guidelines was shown to MPs for the third time yesterday.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader backed the call for the lifting of the ban and demanded a statement from Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, after seeing the film.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Teachers to ballot

MORE long-term disruption of schools is likely to follow the National Union of Teachers' decision to ballot all its members on industrial action. Back page, counting the cost, page 2.

Prison grouse

PRISON officers claimed yesterday that a new gaol unveiled by the Home Office yesterday increased the risk of attacks on them. Page 2.

"I suppose you'll soon be back on the beat. 'Gee what a cute uniform, which way to Trafalgar Square . . .'"

Funeral hitch

POLICE delayed the funeral yesterday of an IRA man until symbolic gloves and beret had been removed from his Tricolour-draped coffin. Page 2.

No MX bargain

THE United States MX missile system would not be a "bargaining chip" in the Geneva talks with the Soviet Union, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, said yesterday. Page 8. Star spangled banter, Page 21.

Discordant note

THE Arts Council, whose declared strategy is to increase aid to the provinces, is increasing the grants of three provincial orchestras by only 2 per cent. Page 2.

Park threat

MPS and peers were told yesterday that no National Park would be safe from road development if the arguments for taking the A30 bypass over Dartmoor were accepted. Page 4.

Defiant surgeons

SURGEONS at Guy's Hospital, south London, said yesterday that they would refuse to obey an order to stop open-heart operations. Page 4.

Urban Cats

FIVE "City Action Teams" to co-ordinate programmes to combat urban decay were named yesterday. Page 2.

The weather

MILD, with sunny intervals. Details, back page.

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How a rookie ensnared her man

From Michael White in Washington

In a scenario worthy of the Cagney and Lacey television series, a glamorous young woman detective in Houston, Texas, has obtained a murder confession from a male suspect by getting him to propose marriage to her — and insisting that he clear his conscience first.

Unfortunately for David Duval West, a 28-year-old delivery man and gun enthusiast, he was unaware that his beloved, Kim Paris, aged 23, was tape-recording everything he said. When he had finished confessing, she told him she needed a cigarette, they drove to a shop and that was the last he saw of her.

Moments later, policemen who had also been listening in to the 10-week romance as it reached its emotional climax, surrounded West and arrested him. He has been charged with the 1981 murder of a prominent Houston lawyer and his wife as they slept. One of the victims' four daughters, Cynthia Helen Ray, was also charged at the weekend, since police claim she persuaded West to do the killing so that she could get her share of her parents' $2 million estate.

All of which yesterday made the detective a heroine with her employer, Clyde Wilson, whose private detective agency was hired by the Ray sisters to tail West. Miss Paris, a new recruit on her first case, was told to gain West's confidence. In a ploy which television script writers might reject as too obvious she rang his doorbell one night looking for someone else, asked to use the phone and the affair — strictly platonic, she emphasised — took off from there.

When West popped the question, she insisted that he explain the "awful" thing in his past to which he had alluded. At that point, the police and their tape recorder were brought into the case. Miss Paris said later: "Well, I guess I won't be going to meet his mother on Sunday night" — a quip which earned a reproach from her boss. He is nonetheless going to give her the gift he always gives rookies on their first big success, an inscribed pearl-handled pocket knife.

Among the many congratulatory phone calls she received yesterday was one from a Hollywood agent.

Merchant banks and councils beat Jenkin cash curb to tune of £1bn

By John Carvel, Local Government Correspondent.

Mr Patrick Jenkin's attempt to tighten his control of local authority investment in houses, roads and other capital projects is being circumvented by a new financial trick, worth hundreds of millions of pounds.

The result is that this year's council investment overspend *is likely to rocket above £1* billion, causing the Treasury to react with even tougher capital controls.

Councils have been told that their freedom to re-invest capital receipts from the sale of council houses and other assets will be severely curtailed in the next financial year, starting in April.

They therefore have a strong *incentive to spend as much as* possible of their accumulated receipts before the end of March.

Many councils cannot let contracts fast enough to exhaust the available money. They have been contacted by merchant banks offering a scheme called "pre-funding" which allows them to pay out money from this year's accounts and *have it spent for them* by the bankers in future years.

The Department of the Environment is aware of the scheme and has acknowledged that it is legal as long as an arm's length relationship is established between the council and the banker/developer; and as long as particular investment projects are specified.

DoE officials have, however, little idea of the amount of money which is changing hands along this route at present. One banker who is active in this market estimated yesterday that deals worth £300 million have already been done and that more could be in the pipeline as word spreads among the councils.

The scheme is different from the one which Liverpool council revealed last week. Liverpool is selling its portfolio of mortgages with tenants who have exercised their right to buy. In this way it is getting an extra capital receipt which helps it to get out of its particular investment problem.

The "pre-funding" technique is of most use to councils which already have a lot of *accumulated capital receipts* and want to prevent the new rules stopping them from being used.

The Government's handling of the English local authority investment issue will be debated in the Commons today

Ministers have attempted to rally their support by pointing out that the new rules are essential if the Government is *to meet its central public* spending objectives.

The latest DoE estimate is that the councils will exceed the Government's national planning total by £650 million in the present financial year, even though none of them has exceeded its individual investment entitlement.

This estimate does not take account of the extra contracts which most councils have been letting since mid-December, when they learned that they would not lose much off their 1985/6 investment allocations if they pushed the boat out further before the end of March.

The £650 million overspend estimate also takes no account of the "pre-funding" dodge, which will put future years investment spending on this year's accounts.

Jenkin's team effort on inner-city blight

By John Carvel

Mr Patrick Jenkin yesterday *announced the formation of* five city action teams (Cats) to help to tackle the problems of dereliction, unemployment *and social disadvantage* in England's most deprived urban areas

A team will be responsible for each of the inner city partnership areas of Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester/Salford, Newcastle/Gateshead and a London grouping of the boroughs of Hackney, Islington and Lambeth. Each will comprise the relevant regional directors of the Departments of Environment, Trade and Industry and Employment/(Manpower Services Commission).

The initiative first disclosed in the Guardian on January 2, will not bring extra government money to the inner cities and does not mean an increase in the number of civil servants working on their problems.

It is based on lessons drawn from the Merseyside task force experience after the 1981 Toxteth riots, when the then Environment Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, brought together officials from various government departments and agencies with managers seconded from private industry. The effort was aimed at eliminating bureaucratic blockages and pushing through a range of detailed on-the-ground schemes.

Lord Young, the Cabinet's unemployment trouble-shooter and Mr Kenneth Baker, the local government Minister, have developed the concept. The new teams will differ from the Merseyside task force in that they will not have a direct ministerial involvement. They will attempt to break down blinkered departmental attitudes which may have prevented the development of common goals.

Two of the Cat teams will be headed by DoE regional directors, two by directors from the DTI, and one by a director from Employment/MSC. Mr Jenkin said yesterday that they would work closely with the local authorities and the private and voluntary sectors. The DoE will, however, remain in charge of the partnership arrangements with the local council.

Most of the partnership areas chosen for the new initiative are in the front line of the battle with the Government over rate-capping and grant penalties — policies which have weakened if not destroyed the notion of partnership between Ministers and councillors. there are therefore fears that a stronger government presence in these cities might contribute to further centralism.

The DoE insists, however, that the initiative is designed to improve co-operation and to monitor local schemes to ensure that money is put into projects yielding the most beneficial results. The work of the teams might be extended to other urban areas as experience develops, Mr Jenkin said.

He also announced the setting up of a new urban housing renewal unit to advise local authorities on how to cope with hard-to-manage or run-down council housing estates.

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SAS acted as British Army terrorists, Adams alleges at gravesides

Priest defuses IRA funeral fears

From Paul Johnson, in Strabane, County Tyrone

Scores of police in riot gear and armed with shields, unsheathed wooden batons, rifles and plastic baton guns, held up a leading IRA man's funeral yesterday because his coffin was draped with paramilitary trappings.

A priest intervened to defuse a potentially ugly situation involving several hundred people gathered in Strabane.

Father Oliver Crilly negotiated a settlement after an hour of argument with a Royal Ulster Constabulary superintendent who allowed the tricolour-covered coffin of Charles Breslin, aged 20, said to be the town's IRA commander, to pass once gloves and a beret had been removed.

The police retreated into surrounding side streets, watching as the crowd made its way to the nearby church for the requiem mass.

An SAS unit lying in wait behind a hedge shot Breslin and two other IRA members, David Devine aged 16 and his brother Michael aged 22, in a field near their homes on Saturday.

The Roman Catholic priest who conducted yesterday's service described the deaths as "ruthless excutions". Mr Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, MP for West Belfast, claimed that after the soldiers had shot them, a man in uniform fired another shot into each head.

Soldiers sat among hedgerows on the hillside overlooking the area yesterday, police crowded the graveyard and Special Branch men openly filmed and photographed the mourners, who numbered about 2,000.

Stewards asked the crowd not to react to "open provocation when we are burying our dead," and there was one outburst of stone-throwing at police.

Mr Adams claimed during a funeral oration at the gravesides, barely audible because of three Army helicopters nearby, that the SAS had fired between 60 and 100 bullets at the three IRA men, who were armed but did not return fire.

It was possible to see from Breslin's grave the white wooden crosses several hundred yards away at the spot in the corner of a field where the IRA men were shot. His home, on a housing estate where dozens of black flags flew, was also visible.

Mr Adams described the SAS men as "British Army terrorists" who had no right to shoot Irish citizens. He portrayed the IRA group as brave, ill-equipped men who were eliminated by what he called a "ruthless killing machine."

He said: "The murders were carried out with the approval of Douglas Hurd, the senior representative of the British Army's political wing in Ireland."

The three men shared the service at the Church of the Immediate Conception and were buried in the same cemetery but the parents of the Devines would not allow paramilitary trappings or Tricolours to be placed on their sons' coffins.

Father Andrew McCluskey said during the mass that some people had been tempted to think that the "ruthless execution" of these men was acceptable because they were carrying guns.

"Anyone who abhors violence and genuinely seeks a Christian response to our problems must with total integrity avoid any hint of rejoicing at the kind of violent end these three young men met on Saturday morning," he said.

"It is vital to realise that violence can only be overcome if the forces of law and order are seen to act with moral restraint and not to meet the problems of violence with ruthless violence."

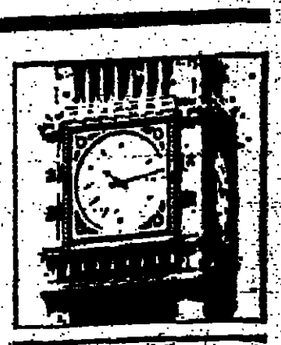
The overwhelming presence of police and soldiers indicates how the authorities in Northern Ireland have decided that they will not tolerate any more paramilitary-style funerals.

By accepting a Tricolour on the coffin they seem to be interpreting the letter of the law in Northern Ireland which says that it cannot be flown in circumstances where a breach of the peace is likely.

In this part of Strabane a breach of the peace would be more likely if the Union Flag were unfurled.

● About 500 people attended the funeral in Londonderry of a former Ulster Defence Regiment soldier who was shot dead by the Irish National Liberation Army. Mr Douglas McElhinney, aged 42, was shot in his car as he sat outside a friend's house on Sunday.

Across the city, two hundred people attended the funeral of Kevin Coyle, aged 24, who was shot dead by the IRA at the weekend.



David McKie

The old stars and swipes

THE Prime Minister reported to the Commons yesterday on her sojourn last week in Washington. The Opposition, which initially had been rather cast down by near unanimous reports of her "triumph" before Congress, had been somewhat cheered up thereafter by President Reagan's activities the moment she had gone in talking up the dollar and so, in the unhappy way of these things, talking down the pound.

So when Conservative backbencher Eric Forth opened the proceedings yesterday with an excruciating, prostrate tribute to Mrs T's "outstanding success," the Opposition benches rocked with a mirth, not all of which had been simulated for the benefit of the microphones.

But it didn't last long. At question time and in her subsequent statement on the Washington visit the Prime Minister simply hailed the surge of the dollar as the natural vindication of her own political and economic philosophies. The main reason why the dollar was doing so well was that the Americans had created the kind of thrusting, self-confident, free enterprise economy, with low public spending and appropriate labour laws, which Britain had yet to achieve. If the Americans had a strong currency and we had not, in other words, that was their fair reward for being better Thatcherites than we were.

The Opposition did its best to stand in her way, with Neil Kinnock demanding to know if she simply intended to sit back and see the pound shrivel to less than the dollar, but they hardly left a mark on her.

Only at the end did she falter. Denis Healey had been sitting at his leader's side, clearly bursting to leave the odd bruise or two but confined by his front bench duties to the role of muttering bystander.

Then Mrs Thatcher latched onto a mutter and mentioned him by name. At once he was on his feet. All he'd been doing, he assured the Speaker, was to remind Mr Kinnock of the wonderful

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new agreement on currency stability Mrs Thatcher had been claiming not long since, and of the way Ronald Reagan had now ditched her.

Mrs Thatcher addressed the Speaker, too. "I simply repeated what the facts were, Mr President," she said. "Freudian slip" they cried. But by then she was home and dry.

Upstairs, in a committee room, Conservative backbencher Peter Bruinvels was launching the Law and Order Society, a shadowy group whose founding purpose is to launch a private prosecution against Arthur Scargill and selected colleagues.

Mr Bruinvels is a 34-year-old sprite who beat Labour's Patricia Hewitt at Leicester East by a mere 933 votes. Ms Hewitt went on to become Neil Kinnock's press secretary, Mr Bruinvels went on to preside at yesterday's press conference, flanked by a posse of grim-visaged professional men in spectacles who were looking before long as though they'd much rather be somewhere else.

Three other Conservative MPs were there on the fringes. One was a prowling Government whip; the others, Lancaster's Elaine Kellett-Bowman and Cannock's Gerald Howarth, who Mr Bruinvels hailed as a considerable authority on private prosecutions. Mr Howarth smiled at this point a smile of infinite mystery, but said nothing.

Mr Bruinvels first forced his way into the public consciousness soon after the election, when he not only clamoured for the return of capital punishment but expressed his readiness to serve as executioner should no one else want the job. Though much jeered at, he is also much talked of, which may be the point of the exercise.

Mr Bruinvels went to school at St John's, Leatherhead. According to the social pages of The Times, which carry great swathes of public school announcements at the start of each term, competitions for the Bruinvels Trophies were to be held at St John's earlier this month. One trembles to think what these boys may be required to do by way of emulation. Is it not time that the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, ordered a full inquiry?

Regional orchestras to receive 2 pc rises

By Michael Morris

REGIONAL symphony orchestras have been told to expect increases as low as 2 per cent in annual grants from the Arts Council, it was disclosed yesterday.

***Administrators contrasted* the rises with the council's strategy document, the Glory of the Garden, which was *designed to divert resources* from London to the provinces.**

Three orchestras, the Manchester-based Hallé, the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, and the City of Birmingham Symphony, will receive 2 per cent increases in the year starting in April.

The Bournemouth Symphony and Sinfonietta will recieve 4.8 per cent and the Newcastle-based Northern Sinfonietta about 3 per cent. The rate of inflation stands at 5 per cent.

The Hallé's increase brings in £10,000 but the orchestra's deficit for this financial year is £150,000, plus about £90,000 accumulated deficit. Mr Clive Smart, the general manager, said it would meet the Arts Council as soon as possible

The most pressing problems are the £150,000 deficit and the recognition in the document that pay in regional orchestras is inadequate. Players start at £132 a week basic, rising after nine years to below £160 a week.

Birmingham Orchestra's chairman, Mr George Jonas, said it was disappointed but hoped for more in the form of development money. "We are more fortunate than other regional orchestras in having no deficit, but if we only get 2 per cent we are bound to go into deficit next year," he said.

Liverpool Orchestra's financial controller, Mr Austin Callaghan, said: "We are still talking about minuscule figures below inflation. We have been pruning as much as possible but we just cannot make ends meet."

The Bournemouth Orchestras, with an accumulated deficit of more than £200,000, has received 4.8 per cent, largely because local authority aid has decreased, and like the Northern Sinfonietta, it has problems promoting concerts over huge areas.

Counting cost of missed lessons

Andrew Moncur looks at the strike's impact on a Solihull school

MORE than 200 teaching periods were ringed in red on Mr Douglas Carter's school timetable yesterday. That, on paper, is the cost in lost lessons of the three-day teachers' strike at one Midlands comprehensive.

For 12-year-old Karen Wells, of form 1E at Lyndon School, the timetable cuts meant that she was due to receive one lesson over the three days, a double art period lasting 1 hour 10 minutes. It was not worth Karen coming to school, her mother was told.

The same message was going out to parents elsewhere yesterday as the National Union of Teachers called out members in 216 schools on selective strikes.

Four of them including Lyndon School, are in Solihull, where the education authority's pugnacity and readiness to use the courts have made it a focus for the union's anger.

Yesterday, 26 NUT members from Lyndon School's total staff of 59 teachers joined the strike.

Mr Carter, the head teacher, was left to juggle the timetables for his 950 pupils. He scrapped assembly and instructed children living nearby to attend only when they knew that a teacher was available. But few pupils were as badly affected as Karen.

On another day Mr Carter might have been able to tell the pupils to fill in their time in the school library. But it was *closed yesterday* because the librarian was on strike.

Miss Susan Bloor, a 33-year-old French teacher who normally shoulders the task, had finally had enough. The teachers feel that they have been asked to pay too great a cost for their commitment.

Miss Bloor, an Oxford graduate now in her eleventh year at Lyndon School, is a teacher whose involvement does not end with the school day. She reckons to work *all her lunchtimes*, at least two hours each evening, and four or five hours every weekend.

Yet she cannot afford to buy a house in the affluent borough of Solihull where her school lies. She had to look across the border to Birmingham to find a modest semi for £18,500, within her financial range as a scale three teacher (£7,734 up to a maximum of £11,031).

For her, striking has not been an easy decision. "I am an unwilling participant in this action — from the point of view of the children. But I am very supportive and very willing from the point of view of its necessity," she said.

"I feel quite strongly that if the Government wants to have well qualified, committed teachers they have got to be *prepared to pay* a fair salary."

Mr Philip McCracken, a history teacher, also joined *the strike at Lyndon School*. He said: "Even people I would regard as fairly moderate — family men with *mortgages — have been* turned into militants. Not in the banner-waving sense but because they have very serious *concerns and problems*."

Mr Carter, who retires this summer after 35 years in teaching, could only hope that *future action* does not harm the prospects of his 200 fifth form exam year pupils. He said: "I shall do absolutely everything in my power to ensure that exams go ahead.

"It is their one chance. If it is disrupted for them it is for a lifetime — and no dispute is worth such action."

Mrs Glenys Kinnock, the wife of the Labour leader, at a strike meeting in Neasden yesterday. Below: Mr Douglas Carter, head teacher at Lyndon School, in the Solihull comprehensive unit for pupils with impaired hearing

Pork export claim on seized 'IRA cash'

From Joe Joyce in Dublin

The Irish £1.75 milion of alleged IRA funds seized by the Irish Government last week was to be used to establish a business to export Irish pork to the United States, according to the man who operated the account in the Bank of Ireland.

Mr Alan Clancy, an Irish American businessman now living in County Louth, said yesterday that he and a colleague, Mr David McCartney, had lodged the money in the bank in June 1984. It was lodged in Mr McCartney's name and was under Mr Clancy's power of attorney.

In a statement issued through his solicitor r Clancy *said it was intended to develop* a pork exporting business to serve the US market. He claimed to have had contacts *with Irish official export agencies* and to have been looking for a suitable abattoir and packaging facilities which would meet American standards.

He added that he was prepared to spend all the money now frozen by an order of the Justice Minister, Mr Michael Noonan, on this exporting project when it was released.

He called on Mr Noonan to release the funds and said that he intended to take court action. Mr Clancy denied that he supported the IRA. "I believe in and aspire to the unification of Ireland by peaceful means. I condemn political violence for that or any other *purpose. I have no connection* with the Provisional IRA, Sinn Fein or any agent, or support group of theirs such as *Noraid*."

The emergency legislation gives Mr Clancy up to six months to prove his ownership of the money through the courts.

OBITUARY

BBC radio executive

DOUGLAS Muggeridge, managing director of BBC External Services *until last June*, when he resigned because of ill-health, died yesterday in hospital *in London. He was 56.*

Mr Muggeridge, who remained a member of the BBC staff, was educated at Shrewsbury and the London School of Economics. Before joining the BBC in 1956 as a talks producer, he was a sub-editor and leader writer on the Liverpool Daily Post. In 1969 he was appointed controller of Radio 1 and 2, director of radio programmes in 1976 and from 1978 to 80 was deputy managing director of BBC radio. He took up his last appointment in 1981.

Poisoning at hospital 'was caused by poultry'

By Michael Parkin

It is now virtually certain that infected poultry was the source of the salmonella food poisoning outbreak which caused the deaths of 19 patients at Stanley Royd psychiatric hospital, Wakefield, last year, Mr Timothy Hartley, representing the Treasury Solicitor's Department, told the public inquiry yesterday.

The outbreak affected 358 patients and 51 staff between August 26 and September 11.

Mr Hartley told the inquiry at Wakefield that the type of salmonella organism involved was found in the gut of cattle and in chickens. There was evidence to suggest that frozen chickens had been thawed in the kitchen building, and had contaminated beef.

Mr Hartley said that cockroaches were present in fairly large numbers in the kitchen *and that there were salmonella* organisim in the drain running through the kitchen.

One of the rats caught in the hospital's sewers after the outbreak was infected with salmonella of a type not yet identified.

Kitchen staff used a corridor for cooling meat because there was a shortage of space elsewhere. Environmental health officers had recorded a temperature of 32.5 degrees C

Mr Christopher Storey, representing Nalgo members, said that in 1978 Mr Douglas Dale, then the district catering manager, told the district administrator that the kitchen, built in 1865, was a "culinary disaster area." It had an open drain

But Mr Jeremy Posnansky, representing the regional health autority, said that if there had been any delays in improving the kitchen, this had not caused the food poisoning. the probable cause was *human error in the preparation* of food.

Union silent on ballot-rigging

By Keith Harper, Labour Editor

A veil of silence was last night drawn over the Transport and General Workers' Union inquiry into ballot-rigging at one of its Bristol branches during last year's election for the union's new general secretary.

A six-man appeals committee from the union spent all day in Bristol yesterday, taking evidence. Afterwards, Mr Moss Evans, the TGWU general secretary, refused to comment

Prison officers fear new gaol security

By Aileen Ballantyne

The first of 16 "new generation" goals to be completed over the next seven years at a cost of more than £3 million was unveiled yesterday to the anger of prison officers but the delight of the inmates.

The design of the £17.5 million Wayland gaol near Watton in Norfolk, which has only been taking prisoners for the last five days, has been attacked by the Prison Officers' Association which says it creates a safety problem.

The prisoners say that the new gaol gives them back some dignity and pride.

Mr Jim Wilford, the prison's branch secretary said that unlike the old-style Victorian gaol with open landings and a spiral staircase with wings radiating out from a central point, an officer could be attacked in the new style of prison — which looks more like a hospital corridor or a student hostel — without his colleages knowing.

It has called for higher staffing levels and the Home Office is reconsidering the layout of gaols still to be built.

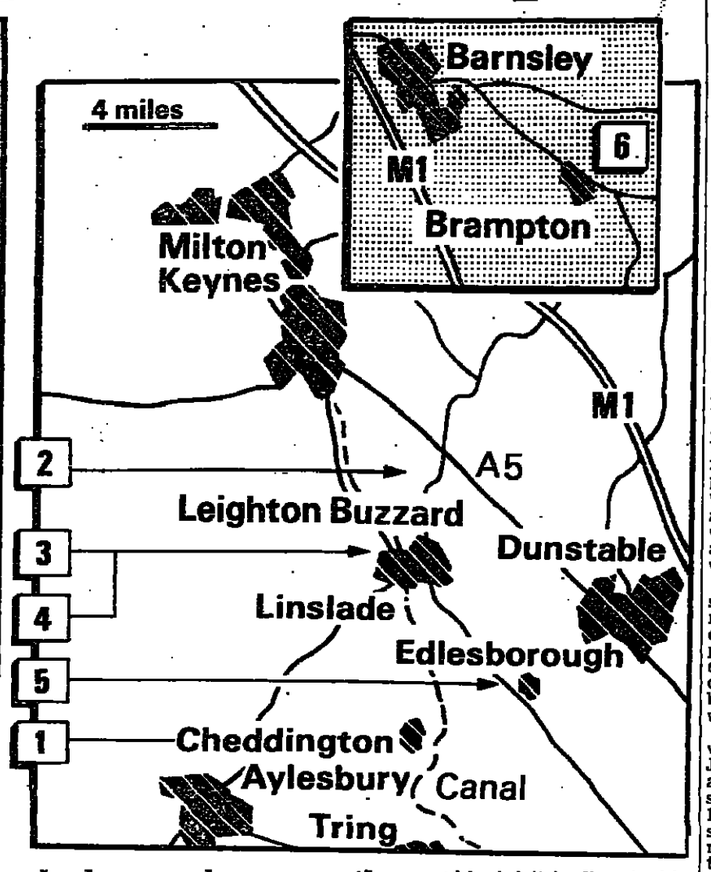
Prison over-crowding now stands officially at 4,000 in England and Wales, with nearly 40 per cent of the prison population living two or three to a cell and well over half of the 39,500 inmates still having to "slop out" chamber pots every day.

One of the new inmates Buster Page, aged 48, who is serving seven years for a kidnapping offence said that at the Victorian Wandsworth prison in south London, 50 inmates on a landing shared two lavatories and two sluices for slopping out their chamber pots every day.

"A prison like this gives a man his dignity back," he said.

He spoke with unheard-of enthusiasm about the prison food. "It is absolutely excellent," he said. "You could make a meal just of the cabbage alone — it's so crisp. Wandsworth is a prison — here we are just confined."

Video films 'turned burglar into a rapist'



A map pinpoints the scenes of the six attacks by Malcolm Fairley which police investigated. The outskirts of the village of Edlesborough, where he raped a girl twice, and the sawn-off shotgun he used to threaten his victims.

Paul Brown chronicles the sex crime of the man who became known as the Fox and was described as one of the worst casualties of evil pornographers

PORNOGRAPHIC videos turned Malcolm Fairley from a small-time burglar into a masked rapist known as the Fox, according to medical reports presented to his trial at St Albans crown court yesterday.

Mr Justice Caulfield, sentencing Fairley to six life sentences, called him "a decadent advertisement for the evil pornographers. They will want to forget you as one of their worst casualties."

Fairley, aged 32, had re-enacted on his rape victims, men and women, what he had seen in the pornographic videos lent to him by a friend or watched on the television sets of those he burgled. The judge said that he appeared to think that his victims were enjoying his attacks.

Five medical reports said that the pornography had a marked effect on his behaviour, the court was told.

Fairley began his career as the Fox last April, when he came to look for work in Buckinghamshire after leaving his wife and two children in the North-east.

In five months he was to commit nearly 100 crimes, bringing armed detectives on to the streets of quiet villages. He pleaded guilty to 13 of the most serious offences and had 68 taken into consideration.

Mr Michael Alliott, QC, prosecuting, said that Fairley's first sexual offence, on April 11, was against a 74-year-old widow in Linsade. He sexually assaulted her while she lay in bed.

In many of his burglaries he wore anoraks which he found in houses, used binoculars and removed photographs, particularly of women, from family albums, and laid them out for inspection. He was said to have gone to the top of a beauty spot, Ivinghoe Beacon, and looked for homes of likely victims through binoculars.

Fairley lay in wait for a man at Cheddington on May 10 with a 12 bore shotgun he found in a wardrobe and sexually assaulted him in imitation of a pornographic video he had seen as a homosexual experiment. For the first time he was wearing a mask, which was later to become a characteristic. It was cut from the leg of overalls with holes for eyes, nose and mouth.

Fairley buried the gun and hid it so well that he could not find it, but on June 6 he broke into a house in Tring, Hertfordshire, and stole another shotgun and a hacksaw. He sawed the end off and used it to threaten his rape victims.

As at other robberies, he searched the house and selected ties, belts and shoelaces ready to tie up his victims when they returned home.

On June 8 he broke into a house in Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, removed a number of light bulbs, and built a hide to prevent the glow of the videos he was watching.

He made an escape route through the back garden, cut the telephone wires, and made himself a pot of tea while lying in wait for the family to return.

However he fled when they returned. The pot of tea was still hot.

But Mr Alliott said Fairley had not gone far. He broke into another house in Leighton Buzzard on the same night and, wearing a length of trouser over his face, confronted the occupants. His gun went off when the man sat up in bed, pulling his duvet round him.

The man had a finger amputated but the main force of the shot was absorbed by the duvet and Fairley fled across fields.

He continued his burglaries despite increasing police patrols and on July 6 broke into a house in Linslade. He tied up a couple with shoe laces at gunpoint at 5 am but the woman struggled violently and neighbours heard her screams. Fairley panicked and escaped.

On July 10 he raped a woman in Linsdale with her husband tied up beside her on the bed. Two children were asleep in the next room.

Two days later Fairley made three raids in Edlesborough as 150 policeman, many of them armed, were on patrol. At 2 am he tied up a girl, her brother and her boyfriend and raped the girl twice. He made himself a drink in the kitchen between the rapes and brought the family dog into the bedroom.

He forced the brother and boyfriend to simulate sex with the girl, who was aged 18. Again, he was acting out a blue video he had seen and believed his victims might gain some enjoyment.

Fairley broke up the gun and buried it in disgust with himself and determined to give up his sex crimes. However, a day later at Peterlee, Durham, armed with a knife, he attempted to rape a Chinese woman.

Meanwhile, patient computer checks and information from the public had led 3,011 suspects to be checked. Two officers from Kentish Town, London, armed with the information from the computer, went to visit Fairley.

The colour of his car, a gold Allegro, matched the paint found on a tree in Yorkshire and his physical description and accent fitted the Fox. As a final test he was asked to put on his wristwatch. It was a distinctive type, which he put on his right wrist.

Fairley, who is illiterate and innumerate, confessed shortly after being taken in by the police. He said in a statement 19 hours after his arrest: "I am glad that I have been caught in one way so I can get help to stop it completely." His wife knew nothing of his sex crimes.

Teaching fails the brighter pupil

School work is not challenging the minds of some of the country's brighter children as much as it should, a report on their education said yesterday.

A survey, carried out by Department of Education inspectors on schools and colleges of further education in Northamptonshire, also found that less able children needed more support from their teachers. It said that while fifth-form exam results had improved, they had not kept pace with the improvement nationally. Sixth-form A-level results were worse than 10 years ago and against the national trend, which was upward.

Many secondary schools were short of textbooks, forcing many pupils to share. Since examination candidates took preference, other pupils in the early years could not have their own copies of course and textbooks, which hampered homework.

The 50-page report covers visits made to schools between January 1980 and October 1983, against a background of worsening unemployment. In April 1981, 24 per cent of summer school-leavers were without permanent employment; By September 1983 the figure had risen to 43.6 per cent, and in April 1984 it stood at 41 per cent.

The inspectors said they found a generally satisfactory picture of how the county's 96,627 children were catered for in 43 comprehensive schools, 24 middle schools for the nine to 13-year-olds and 270 primary schools.

But standards demanded by teachers varied considerably from school to school and sometimes even within the same school. The work tended to be aimed at a notional middle range of ability.

The proportion of pupils entered for public examinations in the GCE O-level and CSE had risen from 78 per cent of the fifth-year population in 1974 to 93 per cent in 1983.

The report indicates particular concern over the high number of small schools which are costly to maintain; the difficulties experienced by some of the smaller middle schools in covering the curriculum, and the number of small sixth forms which are costly to maintain and which fail to offer the richness and variety of intellectual challenge required.

Hospitals told to cut their food bills

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Hospitals have been ordered to save at least 5 per cent on food bills this year, with the publication of a report yesterday which said that nearly a third of the food served to patients is wasted.

Mr John Patten, junior health minister, is issuing instructions to over 200 health authorities in England to save cash and cut any subsidies to NHS staff eating meals on NHS premises.

His instructions followed the findings of a Department of Health scrutiny prepared by the South-east Thames regional health authority. The main findings were published in the Guardian last November after a copy of the report had been sent to the paper.

Mr Patten is ignoring one of the main recommendations that hospital catering services should expand by opening wine bars and grill rooms, giving patients and visitors greater choice.

The report also said that under-used kitchens should offer take-away services to GP surgeries, police stations and magistrates' courts.

It says that at least £17.3 million a year could be saved. Mr Patten is proposing to save £12.5 million a year.

The report is based on visits to 12 health authorities in six regions in England, to private hospitals, and to a Ministry of Defence hospital.

The officials found wide variations in the cost of food per patient, from 80p a day at a hospital for the mentally handicapped to £5.90 a day at a small district general hospital. But not all the cheaper hospitals provided bad food, nor did all the expensive hospitals supply a better service.

The officials found that meals for NHS staff were subsidised by £71 million a year, equivalent to £82 per employee. Mr Patten calls for much tighter controls over the subsidy, with the aim of eliminating it.

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South Wales demands 'realistic appraisal' by NEC as Yorkshire votes for new negotiations

Call for 'organised return' grows

By Paul Hoyland
Welsh Correspondent

South Wales miners' leaders, worried by the drift back to work, called unanimously yesterday for a "realistic appraisal" of the strike by the union's national executive, and for an urgent reconvening of the national delegate conference.

A meeting of the area executive at Pontypridd, Midmorgan, which heard appeals from lodges for an organised return to work, also called a South Wales delegate conference for Friday.

Mr Emlyn Williams, the South Wales NUM president, said that he would abide by national decisions, but is was clear that he hoped tomorrow's national executive meeting in Sheffield would respond to what he described as "the depth of feeling" in the coalfield.

Although the area was standing by its decision last Friday to continue the strike, there had been a change in the situation, and he would be expressing the concern of his members. This was a clear reference to the sudden surge in the number of miners reporting for duty in the region on Monday after the collapse of peace moves, when the number of men at work doubled to more than 1,000.

Mr Williams hoped that other areas would project the feelings of their members. "If they do that I am certain we will have leadership, but if they merely go there and do not express the apprehension of their members they are doing a disservice to the miners."

He continued: "I don't intend to go to the NEC as any stooge. I will express the view of my area but what the national union will decide the South Wales miners will support."

The board claimed that there were 1,250 miners working in South Wales yesterday with 200 new faces, but the union claimed that the figure was lower and that 95 per cent of its 19,600 members were still supporting the strike.

"We are calling for an appraisal of the situation in a realistic manner, facing up to the situation because in South Wales we are still the bastion. Obvlously these boys that have been out are not going to be sold out, but we will express their fears and will do it honestly."

The reinstatement of the 700 miners sacked during the dispute was of paramount importance. "I don't believe any thinking miner will go through the pit gates and see men who have been sacked for fighting their struggle with them not being allowed in."

Peter Hetherington adds: Miners' leaders in Durham yesterday continued the pressure for organising a return unless by calling a special coalfield conference on Friday to consider options for ending the strike.

But the Durham executive said they had no intention of organising a return unelss such a move was approved nationally. In a statement the eight-strong executive said that none of the 13 lodges in the county intended taking unilateral action.

The executive was acting on a recommendation from Easington colliery — the largest and most militant pit in the North-east — where some 2,000 miners voted this week to press for a national coalfield conference to consider a return to work without a national agreement.

But the Durham leaders — like the Easington men — stressed that a return to work would not mean an end to the dispute.

Durham leaders accept that their decision is "up in the air" until tomorrow's national executive meeting. Delegates at the special coalfield conference may face a difficult choice if the national executive rules out any prospect of an organised return to work.

However, the option of such a return to work is opposed by some union officials at collieries where a large minority — or a majority — of miners are working, such as Wearmouth, in Sunderland, and nearby Herrington. Officials fear that this could put then into a vulnerable position.

● Yorkshire miners' leaders yesterday decided to continue to fight for a negotiated settlement to the dispute. The decision was made by the area council in Barnsley, despite calls from at least three pits to consider an organised return to work.

A record number of miners returned to work at Yorkshire pits on Monday and yesterday. While the Yorkshire president, Jack Taylor, admitted that, while the number was "too many," it was not the flood which had been predicted.

Mr Taylor said that resolutions included calls for a ballot and an organised return to work without a settlement. The resolutions were all defeated with the exception of the re-affirmation call, which was carried by 73 votes to three.

PRODUCTION started yesterday at the new Silverdale mine, developed at a cost of £60 million on the site of an existing colliery near Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire.

The old Silverdale colliery is expected to become exhausted later this year, but the new pit will be able to tap more than 50 million tonnes of reserves.

Miners' groups unearth seam of support

Patrick Wintour on the success of pleas for aid in unlikely territory

RICHMOND, Surrey, might not seem a rewarding seam for miners to dig in search of food and money. The Labour Party polled 7 per cent of the vote there at the last general election.

But a meeting of Richmond miners, support group addressed by Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, Mr Henry Richardson, suspended general secretary of the Nottinghamshire miners, and Mrs Marie Price, wife of a striking Nottinghamshire miner, raised more than £1,000.

The group has raised £25,000 since the strike started and Mr Bob Morrison, the miners' union coordinator of London support groups, says more than £2 million has been raised in the capital. "A lot of money, but it still only adds up to 40p per striking miner."

About 30 people attend the Richmond group's weekly meetings, allocating rotas for the 11 pitches in the borough and helping to distribute the £600 raised each week.

One of the group, Mr Peter Geddes, says: "The typical Richmond response is very British. They don't shout abuse, they walk straight past with a fixed glare. Mr Geddes has received two summonses for illegal collections and Greater London Council researchers calculate that more than 100 street collectors face legal action for trying to raise money for the miners.

There are thought to be more than 40 support groups in London. Activists believe that the activity has not only revitalised the London Labour movement, and in particular the dormant trades councils, but has also drawn people previously uninterested in union politics.

Miners have taken up residence in many town halls of left-led Labour boroughs, using the councils' facilities to set up collection points and organise benefits or jumble sales. They claim that women, particularly black and older women, are the most generous financial supporters.

Each London borough has a support group and most are twinned with a pit. Richmond's is linked with Hem Heath Staffordshire, and Cresswell, Nottinghamshire.

Mrs Price told 300 people at the Richmond meeting on Monday about her life in Nottinghamshire in the past 12 months. She spoke of her battle to set up a strikers' food kitchen (the Labour authority refused to provide premises); the disdain of shopkeepers ("they ask for 95p per cabbage if they know your husband is on strike"); the contempt of working miners ("they expose themselves to women pickets"); and the indifference of a school (the head explained: "The remedy is in your hands. All you have to do is to go back to work").

Above all, she talked of poverty and the police. Breakfast cereal packets were useful to replace the soles of her children's shoes. The police, she said scraped their boots against women's legs until they bled. Another trick was to roll stones at women and dare them to throw the stones at their helmets.

"Somebody's got to do something," she said. "It's no good somebody in a year's time saying: 'I wish I had done something during the miners' strike.'" The Richmond group resolved to do more.

Heart surgeons lose life or death battle of spending cuts

By Andrew Veitch,
Medical Correspondent

The Department of Health yesterday rejected a final plea to save 100 or more heart patients waiting for surgery at Guy's Hospital, London. Five have already died in the queue for treatment.

The department told the Lewisham health authority that it would not provide the £272,000 needed to keep the operating theatres open next financial year. Health authority members will decide next month on the timing and the number of theatres to be closed. At least 100 life-saving open heart operations will have to be cancelled if the authority is to recoup the money — spent because the Guy's surgeons have treated more than their budgeted quota of patients — and keep to next year's cash limits.

But the head of the hospital's cardiothoracic unit, Mr Alan Yates, said that his team of surgeons would work on until an official arrived to bar the theatre doors.

Lewisham health authority faces a deficit of £1,450,000 on its cash limit this year. The South-east Thames regional authority, which faces a £1,056,000 deficit and a government-imposed cut of £2.5 million has decided that it cannot fund the Guy's overspend. The region has already lent the district £1 million to make up for overspending in other specialties at Guy's.

In a last attempt to save the heart patients Lewisham health authority told the Department of Health yesterday that if funds were not made available by next month the authority would take it as an instruction to implement a programme of closures to recover the £272,000 before the end of March 1986.

The department promptly replied: "The funding problems of the adult cardiothoracic unit at Guy's are matters to be resolved by the responsible health authorities."

Lewisham's chairman, Mr Peter Barker, said: "The unit treats patients from all over the south of England. Its closure would have national implications. The unit is threatened because the surgeons are so efficient. They have completed their quota of heart operations this year six weeks ahead of time.

The baby heart surgery unit — also threatened by the cuts — has been reprieved because it will get national funding from April 1.

The adult unit treated 712 patients suffering from coronary artery disease in 1984. Most were given coronary artery bypass grafts. The waiting list has now stretched to 102, and five have died in the queue, said Mr Yates. Urgent cases — those who would otherwise die within a year — already have to wait four months for an operation. Non-urgent cases — people who are semi-disabled and in constant pain from angina — have to wait eight months.

The region's other open heart surgery units at King's College, St Thomas's and the Brook Hospital, are full.

Arrests questioned as pickets go free

By Patrick Wintour

The police yesterday dropped charges of unlawful assembly against 23 South Yorkshire miners among 87 arrested during a mass picket at Harworth colliery in north Nottinghamshire last August.

The remainder of the accused men will be dealt with this week but it is expected that the police will again drop the unlawful assembly charges against all but eight.

The men's solicitor, Mr Alan Craig, said yesterday: "I know of no other case where so many men facing such serious charges have had them all dropped.

A fortnight ago Sheffield crown court cleared eight miners charged with unlawful assembly at Orgreave coke works in July.

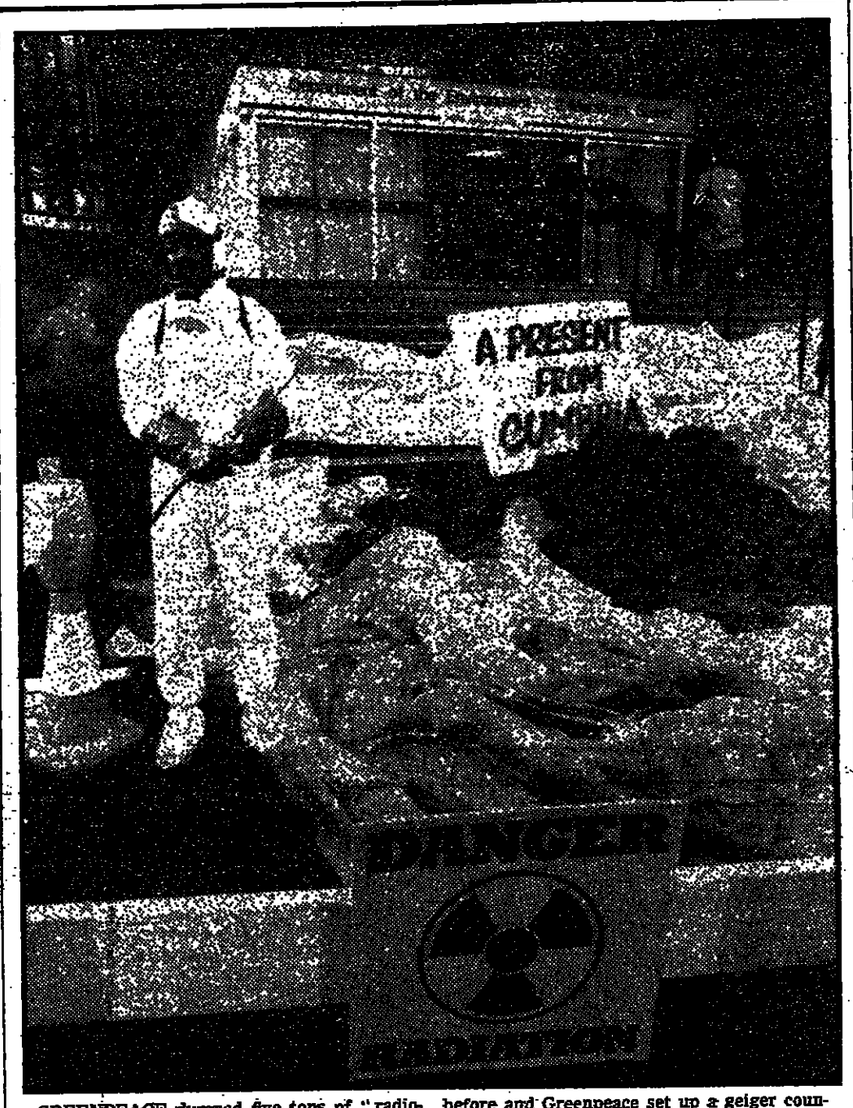
Me Craig said that since August the men "have been prevented from picketing except at their own place of work. Now the cases are being dropped wholesale. It makes the defence, the defendants and the union wonder why they were arrested in the first place.

"It suggests that the powers that be decided to use wholesale bail conditions and wholesale arrests as a device to keep people off picket lines."

Mr Sidney Cox, prosecuting, told magistrates: "These men have been on bail conditions that put them squarely within the TUC guidelines. This was not an onerous burden." On the day of the picket, buses and lorries had been stoned and drivers coward on the floors of their cabs, he said.

The men also faced charges of breach of the peace. In dismissing the cases, the magistrate awarded each of the defendants £30 from central funds.

One of the defendants, Mr Paul Malveru, a Doncaster miner, said later: "It is absolutely a great relief to have this threat lifted from our heads. At one stage we were told that if we were convicted we would be sacked."



GREENPEACE dumped five tons of "radioactive" mud yesterday on the front doorstep of the Department of Environment in London to draw attention to the continuing discharges from the plant of British Nuclear Fuels Ltd at Sellafield, Cumbria.

Seven people responsible, including Peter Wilkinson, director of Greenpeace, and members of Core, Cumbrians Opposed to Radioactive Dumping, were arrested for obstructing the pavement. They were later given a conditional discharge at Horseferry Road magistrates court after they had offered to pay the costs of cleaning up the mud.

The mud had been brought from the Ravenglass Estuary in Cumbria the day before and Greenpeace set up a geiger counter and a microphone to show passers-by that that it was radioactive. They claimed that it was 10 times normal background level.

The London fire brigade sent a chemical unit to the scene. The Department of Environment declared the mud safe to move.

The department issued a statement saying that the Government had considerably reduced the discharges and a further programme was being undertaken. "Public exposure to radiation around Sellafield is well within the international limits."

Picture by Martin Argles

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Runcie seeks report on Molesworth sale

By Martin Halsall,
Churches Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, has called for a report from the Peterborough diocese and the Church Commissioners about the proposed sale of church land adjoining the cruise missile base at Molesworth to the Ministry of Defence.

But as a third competitor emerged yesterday to challenge the MoD for the 1.6 acre site near the Cambridgeshire base's main gate, the diocese said it would be gazumping to sell the land for more than the ministry had offered.

The sale is not governed by charity law, which would require the diocese to sell to the highest bidder, said a spokesman for the Church Commissioners. Legislation governing the sale is contained in Section 20 of the Endowment and Glebe Measure, a Church bill passed in 1976.

The two-page section says that diocesan boards of finance are responsible for the terms of sale being "proper and advisable."

A diocesan spokesman said yesterday: "Negotiations are going ahead with the MoD. The latter is in the hands of the solicitors. Negotiations are taking place with no-one else.

"We have agreed a sale with the MoD and if anything else were to take place and override the sale for more money, that would be gazumping."

Christian CND and another would-be purchaser have submitted bids higher than the £2,400 the MoD is reported to be paying.

A third contender, Mr Roger Sawtell, said yesterday that he had offered £2,500 on behalf of a group of Christians in the Northampton area and had sent a 10 per cent deposit to the diocese.

Dr Runcie, in a letter to Christian CND, said the matter should be settled by the Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Reverend William Westwood, and the Church Commissioners.

He felt that Bishop Westwood had acted within the terms of General Synod policy on nuclear weapons.

Dr Runcie: letter to Christian CND

PCs tell of bomb explosion

By Martin Wainwright

A terrorist bomb, one of six allegedly planted in London last year by a Libyan group, blew up in front of a late night police patrol which had been dealing with a drunk, an Old Bailey jury heard yesterday.

The officers were approaching a newsagent's shop in Bayswater, London, when the window and awning were wrecked by the blast.

Shortly afterwards, with the area cordoned off and a search going on, PC Stuart Miles and his colleague, PC Paul Snaith found a Kentucky Fried Chicken carton and an empty Coca Cola tin in the doorway of another newsagent's in the same street, Queensway.

The court heard that PC Snaith had shone his torch into the carton, seen wires and masking tape, and summoned the anti-terrorist squad and a bomb disposal team.

Two Libyan students, Ali Musbah, aged 22, of no fixed address and Salhen Salem, aged 28, of Penarth Road, Cardiff, deny conspiring with others to cause explosions.

The trial continues.

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Defenders of Bluebell Wood fight road plan

By Geoff Andrews,
Transport Correspondent

If the arguments used to justify building a dual carriageway road over part of Dartmoor were applied nationally no national park landscape would be protected from attack, an all-party committee was told yesterday.

Mr Michael Harrison, QC, appearing on behalf of a group of 10 organisations fighting the proposed A30 bypass at Okehampton, said that the arguments used for choosing national park moorland were that it provided the most direct route, the land was of lower agricultural quality than that on the alternative route, and construction costs were cheaper.

The Department of Transport had also maintained that the decision was not a test case, that it was not putting a lower value on national parks, and that steps would be taken to limit the environmental effects.

Mr Harrison said the department had made a fatal mistake by using a self-service argument for building in a national park. Naturally, land in a national park was usually of a lower quality than cultivated agricultural land, and when such a route was chosen it would be normally because it was cheaper and more d rect than any of the alternatives.

Yesterday's hearing, before a joint committee of peers and MPs, has been brought by a group of 10 amenity organisations invoking a rarely used procedure which allows an appeal to Parliament when open space is taken from the community.

Bluebell Wood, one of the two areas of open space which would be bisected by the new road was left to the townspeople of Okehampton in 1965 by a Mrs Ryan in memory of her daughter, Mary, on the basis that it would be kept as woodland for the recreation of the public. The other, East Hill, has become an open space in legal terms by custom and use over the years.

Opening the case for the objectors, Mr Harrison explained that since 1976 the policy of the Department of the Environment had been that no new trunk road should be constructed through a national park unless there w:s no alternative route.

The case of the objectors, while accepting the compelling need for a bypass to relieve the Okehampton bottleneck, was that an alternative route was available to the north of the town. Although this passed through agricultural land it was land of exactly the same standard as that which would be destroyed by the remainder of the route of the road from Exeter to Launceston.

Forensic evidence 'clue to London bombings'

By Paul Keel

Forensic examination of an arms cache discovered in an Oxfordshire forest had established connections with materials used in a series of IRA bomb attacks in London and pointed "beyond doubt" to the guilt of two men charged with taking part in the offences, an Old Bailey jury was told yesterday.

In his closing speech to the jury in the IRA bomb trial in which Thomas Quigley and Paul Kavanagh, both 29, from Belfast, deny 10 charges, including three of murder, Mr Roy Amlot, prosecuting, said there could be no more compelling evidence against the two than that which had been demonstrated by forensic science.

It had established that the type of explosive, cable, detonators and timing and power units found in the cache in Whitchurch, Pangbourne, Oxfordshire, in October 1983, were identical to those used in the bombing campaign waged by an IRA active service unit two years earlier.

In addition, fingerprints from each of the defendants had been discovered on items in the cache, Mr Amlot said.

He said that everything discovered at Pangbourne in 1983 could be dated as pre-1981 or consistent with being in existence at the time of the bombings that year. Nothing found there indicated that the items were in existence after that date. Some of the items were wrapped in newspapers dated September, 1981.

It was in October, 1981, that two civilians were killed in a nail-bomb attack near Chelsea Barracks and an explosives expert was blown up while trying to defuse a bomb in an Oxford Street Wimpy bar. In the same month a car bomb attempt was made on the life of Sir Steuart Pringle, commandant-general of the Royal Marines, and an explosion occurred at the home of the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers.

Referring to the evidence given by members of Quigley's family that he was in Belfast at the time of these attacks, Mr Amlot said the Quigley family were hard-core Republicans and it was to be expected that they would gather round to protect one of their own.

The trial continues.

'Massacre' man gaoled

A man who murdered two Asian clothing workers in an argument over parking space was gaoled for life at the Old Bailey yesterday, with the recommendation that he serve a minimum of 15 years.

Judge Peter Mason, QC, told Paul Sammut, aged 23, unemployed of Deptford, London: "What you did was wicked beyond belief. What happened was not a fight but a massacre.

"You took the lives of two people and a third was blinded in one eye and stabbed in the stomach."

He was found guilty by an 11 to one majority verdict of murdering Zihad Ahmed, 22, and Atiq Rehman, 23, both of Charlton, London, on March 30 last year.

Three other men were cleared of the two murders and woundings but were convicted of affray by an 11-to-one majority.

Arun Bhasin, aged 26, a confectioner and Barry Jitubob, 24, a decorator, both of Stepney, London, were each gaoled for 30 months.

Michael Sammut, 22, unemployed also of Stepney, was gaoled for three years, nine months. His sentence included 15 months for a breach of a suspended prison sentence.

Mr Allan Green, prosecuting, said that the deaths arose out of the most trivial incident imaginable. The defendants were in a Whitechapel restaurant when five Pakistanis in two cars found that they could not drive by Bhasin's vehicle, parked outside.

He moved his car but a dispute over the incident started inside the restaurant and the two groups were ushered out by staff.

Spraggett retains title

By Leonard Barden

Kevin Spraggett, of Canada, the holder, retained the Novag Commonwealth Chess Championship at London Docklands yesterday on a tie-break from Pravin Thipsay, the Indian champion. Both achieved grandmaster results, Thipsay being the first Indian to do so.

David Norwood, a schoolboy from Bolton, produced the outstanding performance of the tournament when he beat the former British champion, Paul Littlewood, in the final round to qualify as an international master at the age of 16, the second youngest in the world.

Norwood, who achieved international master scores in the 1984 Lloyds Bank and NatWest invitation events, shared third prize with grandmasters Short and Speelman.

Farmworkers claim 80pc

By Rosemary Collins,
Agriculture Correspondent.

Farmworkers will base their claim for an 80 per cent increase at the opening of pay negotiations next week on the high recent earnings of the 22 per cent of farmers employing regular labour.

The National Farmers' Union has in the past argued that many members earn substantially less than the industry's average income, up 22 per cent over the past year and so cannot afford steep increases in farmworkers' rates.

But 63 per cent of farmers employ no one and a further 15 per cent employ only part-time or seasonal workers.

The farmworkers' claim for a minimum rate of £130 a week was fixed by its delegate conference last year. This would mean a rise of 57 per cent on the current basic rate for adult farmworkers of £82.20 a week but other elements in the claim, including abolition of the 85 per cent rate for seasonal work, bring its value up to 30 per cent.

Baby's body 'missing at sea'

From Joe Joyce
in Dublin

The public inquiry into the Kerry babies case, which has riveted Irish public attention, moves to Dublin today with the focus on a theoretical third baby used by police to reconcile the conflict between forensic evidence and signed confessions.

After seven weeks of hearings in Tralee, County Kerry, the inquiry has now shifted from the evidence of Miss Joanne Hayes and her family to that of the 28 policemen involved in the investigation which led to her being charged with murder.

Miss Hayes, who had been pregnant, was charged after the stabbed body of a baby was washed up on a beach 40 miles from her home. The charge was dropped after evidence established that the stabbed baby was not hers and the body of her own, still-born, child was found on the family farm.

It has taken much longer than anticipated to get to the central issue — how Miss Hayes and her family came to confess to stabbing the newly-born infant washed ashore last April. Forensic evidence subsequently showed that the murdered boy was of a different blood group from herself, her lover and her still-born baby.

The family's evidence revealed a conflict over the circumstances in which she gave birth to her child. One of her brothers and an elderly aunt said it was born in their farmhouse. Miss Hayes, another brother, her sister and her mother, said she gave birth alone in a field. But all denied that she had twins.

The twins theory at the centre of the bizarre events came from police when the body of her own baby was discovered in a water hole on the family farm.

A day earlier she and her family had confessed to murdering the stabbed baby. The family claimed that they were pressed into signing false confessions at Tralee Garda station.

The emergence of a possible third baby came last week in the evidence of Superintendent D. J. O'Sullivan, the senior officer in Tralee at the time.

It has becoem known among the lawyers at the tribunal as the "Azores baby," on the basis that it is supposed to be still at sea and might by now be drifting towards the Azores.

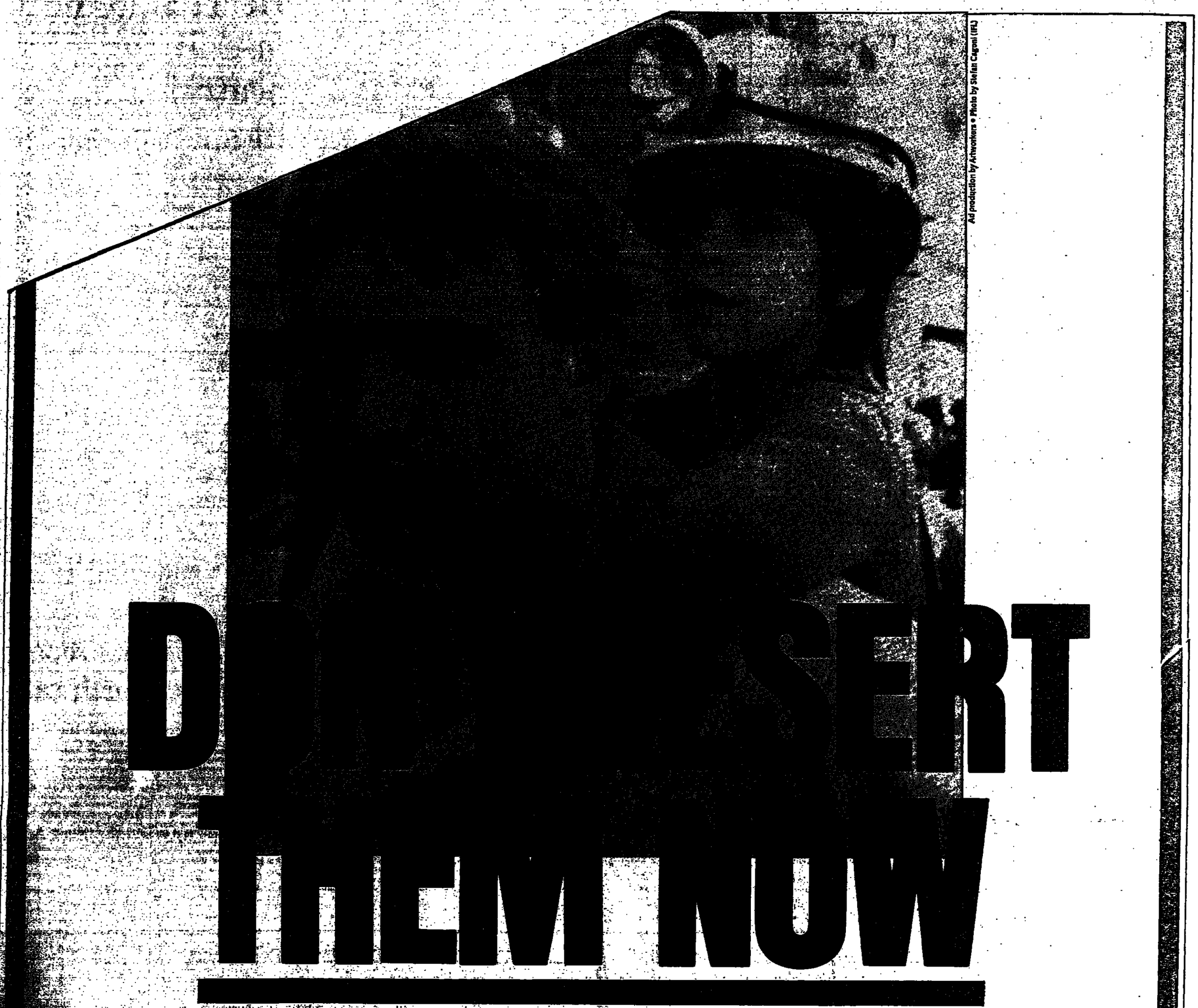
Superintendent O'Sullivan conceded that the murdered baby probably did not belong to Miss Hayes. But he insisted that her confession — which matched all the known details of the baby's murder — was true.

Having ruled out the murdered baby as being one of twins born to Miss Hayes, the police still insisted that she had given birth to twins.

They said that the missing baby had been stabbed, and its body had been disposed of in the sea in the same type of bag as those found near the murdered baby.

The bags have since been mislaid by police, the inquiry has heard.

The inquiry is expected to continue in Dublin for up to a month.



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Policy in south Lebanon paying off, Rabin claims

Israeli Army tightens its 'iron fist' with curfew

From Ian Black in Jerusalem

Israel yesterday imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew and other tough new restrictions throughout south Lebanon as the Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, declared that the controversial "iron fist" approach to Shi'ite Muslim resistance there was paying off.

Military sources here said that in addition to the curfew, *in force between the Litani* river and the international border, the use of motor cycles and of any vehicle by only one person was banned, and unaccompanied vehicles left by roadsides would be blown up.

This was designed to prevent suicide attacks on Israeli troops, the sources said.

The new orders were printed on thousands of Arabic leaflets dropped by Israeli helicopters all over the occupied area yesterday. The leaflets warned that people ignoring the restrictions would risk their lives.

Mr Rabin told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and defence committee that houses in villages where weapons and explosives were found would be destroyed, as would houses belonging to suspected guerrillas. "I don't claim that we found the answer to terrorism," he said, "but we have managed to limit the terrorists' freedom of action. *We dictate what happens on the ground today.*"

He said that in the week since the new strong-arm policy began, 15 guerrillas had been killed, 22 injured, and 19 people described as "agitators" deported to the area outside Israeli control. Most members of the committee praised the army's work in south Lebanon, and one MP said that the methods should be used in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

But two left wingers, Mr Yossi Sarid and Mr Victor Shemtov, said that the army should withdraw immediately to the international border and abandon the three-phase withdrawal plan adopted last month.

A number of MPs on the right, including the former army chief-of-staff, Mr Rafael Eitan, *said that Israeli forces* should stay put on the Litani river.

The army announced last night that soldiers carried out searches yesterday in the village of Sarifa, where seven suspected guerrillas were arrested. In another development, the commander of the Israeli-backed civil guard in a *Shi'ite village near Nabatyia* was wounded by a bomb planted in his car yesterday, one of a series of such attacks on Shi'ites who collaborated with Israel.

The Israeli broadcasting authority, IBA, meanwhile, is looking for a substitute for the term "collaborators" in reference to Lebanese who cooperated with the *Israelis*. There have been complaints about the negative connotations of the term in broadcasts.

Caution in US at Mubarak proposal

From Alex Brummer in Washington

The United States will encourage President Mubarak of Egypt to involve himself in facilitating direct talks between *Israel and a Jordanian-Palestinian* delegation when he goes to Washington early next month. But it is still ruling out early direct American diplomatic involvement.

American officials are hopeful that King Hussein's accord with the Palestinians might lead to direct negotiations but are emphasising that UN Resolution 242, with its trade-off of territory for recogniton, can be the only starting point if *Israel is to be brought along* in the process.

The initial feeling in Washington is that the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Shimon Peres, has responded appropriately to both King Hussein and President Mubarak and is leaving the door ajar just enough for possible Israeli participation. There is less happiness in Washington about Mr Peres's coalition partner, Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli *Foreign Minister, whose rejection* of the Jordan-PLO pact as not being an opening to peace is seen here as a less than helpful contribution.

Despite the optimistic statements from the Arab world, *US officials are cautious about* prospects. They do not want to find US diplomacy left high and dry as it was in 1982-83 when King Hussein had his last bout of talking with the Palestinians and it all fell apart.

"The big question is can Hussein get the Palestinians into direct negotiations on the lines of 242?" one American official said. Would the Palestinians be willing to accept a delegation which excludes Mr Yasser Arafat, and other big names in the PLO and see their role taken by lower key Palestinian politicians from the West Bank?

If President Mubarak and King Hussein can persuade the Palestinians to use Resolution 242 as a starting point, then the Americans believe it may *be possible to breathe some* life back into President Reagan's September 1 peace plan of 1982 in which the US noted the legitimate rights of the Palestinians and suggested a link between an autonomous Palestinian state and Jordan.

The view within the State Department is that King Hussein is making what is being *seen here as a "last chance"* effort because the political circumstances in the US and in the region are broadly encouraging. The re-election of President Reagan means that he will not be inhibited by the *political influence of the Jewish lobby*

Ian Black adds from Jerusalem: Israel continued to respond cautiously but optimistically yesterday to the new peace proposals put forward by President Mubarak, but officials said they would need to know the details before determining their position.

Foreign ministry officials said that the idea of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation was very similar to what had been agreed in the 1978 Camp David accords. They implied that Israel would not look too closely into the political background *of Palestinians* participating in such a delegation, but made it clear that known supporters of the PLO would not be acceptable to Israel.

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THE Soviet Union rejects President Mubarak's proposal *that direct peace talks be* held between Israel and members of a joint Jordanian-Palestinian organisation, Tass reported. It said President Mubarak's proposed talks, and his suggestion that they be hosted by the Reagan Administration, means they would be used "to push Jordan to accept a *capitulatory agreement*."—AP.

AWAY FROM IT ALL : Top, King Hussein of Jordan, *with his family, skis in Austria after proposals for peace talks* involving the king. Above: Lebanese soldiers train their guns on a Palestinian refugee camp south of Beirut

Shamir takes farm problem to Bonn

Bonn: The Israeli Foreign Minister, Mr Shamir, arrived in Bonn yesterday for a day of *talks expected to focus on Is*raeli agricultural exports, the Middle East conflict, and proposed West German tank sales to Saudi Arabia.

Mr Shamir arrived from Paris and met his West German counterpart, Mr Genscher. Appointments with Chancellor Kohl and President von Weizsaecker were scheduled in the afternoon.

West Germany is the second stop on Mr Shamir's three-*country European tour to dis*cuss Israeli concerns about the planned entry next year of Spain and Portugal into the EEC. The Common Market now absorbs about 70 per cent of Israeli agricultural produce, and the Israelis are concerned this will drop after Spain and Portugal join.

Mr Franz Josef Strauss called last week for the sale of West German Leopard 2 tanks to Saudi Arabia, and planned to fly to Israel yesterday to press the Prime Minister to lift Israeli opposition to the sale. — AP.

Colonists march in Noumea

From Campbell Page in Paris.

Opponents of independence yesterday ignored the state of emergency and marched through Noumea, capital of New Caledonia, to protest against expulsion orders served on four members of the Anti-Independence Caledonian Front and a fifth man who holds similar views.

Although the march was big — 15,000 according to the police and 30,000 according to the organisers — it was peaceful. One of the organisers, Mr Roger Laroque, mayor of Noumea, told the demonstrators that the five people who should have left the territory by midnight on Monday "are in hiding and they have done the right thing. We have decided to keep them here with us."

His speech underlined the growing challenge to the authority of President Mitterrand's special envoy, Mr Edgard Pisani, who issued the expulsion orders last week against extremists who had disregarded his orders and held a provocative meeting in the *mining town of Thio.*

Mr Pisani, who held hi weekly press conference during the demonstration, said the march served no purpose. Problems could be solved only by launching new ideas and accepting *the need for debate.* The French Government would like to see rapid moves towards independence in close association with France.

The head of the New Caledonia Government, Mr Dick Ukeiwe, of the neo-Gaullist RPR, further isolated Mr Pisani when he described him to French radio as an obstacle to dialogue who had been discredited and disqualified. "If I agreed to meet Pisani, I would lose the confidence of the Caledonians and their reaction would become uncontrollable," he said.

Another member of the RPR, Mr Jacques Lafleur, a deputy for New Caledonia, suggested that the New Caledonian authorities should anticipate Paris's plans by holding *their own referendum* on suggestions for the territory's future made by Mr Ukeiwe in late January. Mr Lafleur accused Mr Pisani of taking freedom hostage by issuing the five expulsion orders.

Pakistan's voters turn out six of Zia's top ministers

From Eric Silver in Lahore

Pakistani voters tempered President Zia ul-Haq's satisfaction at persuading them to participate in his non-party elections on Monday by bundling out six of the nine cabinet *ministers* standing for the National Assembly.

They also rejected the Presi*dent's adviser on commercial* affairs, Mr Ishrat Ali, and at least two provincial ministers. Candidates identified with the *fundamentalist Jamaat-e-Islami*, outspoken supporters of General Zia's Islamisation programme, also fared less well then expected when most of the results were declared yesterday.

*The defeated civilian minis*ters were: Mr Ahmad Ali Talpur (Defence), Mr Raja Zafarul Haq (Information), Mr Ghulam Dastgir (Labour), Mr Sikandar Zaman (Power), Mr Arabab Niaz (Culture) and Mr Mahmoud Ali (Trade). About half of the members of the outgoing nominated assembly also forfeited their seats.

*At least three of the de*feated ministers are thought to have fallen to anti-Zia votes cast by supporters of the oppo*sition Movement for the Resto*ration of Democracy, which declined to field its own candidates. Others were *rejected because*, in the language of South Asian politics, they had failed to "oblige" local interest groups.

The Power Minister was beaten in Haripur, North-west Frontier province, by Mr *Gohar Ayub, the Sandhurst*-trained son of Pakistan's first military President, Field Marshal Ayub Khan. Mr Gohar Ayub had won the same seat in the abortive 1977 elections from the condemned cell, to which he had been consigned by the late Prime Minister, Mr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, who accused him of sedition.

Local analysts yesterday identified about 30 constituencies in which the electors voted against rather than for particular candidates — punishing them as ministerial collaborators with the military regime, Jamaat extremists or party deserters who defied the MRD boycott.

Although this took some of *the gilt off General Zia's suc*cessful gamble with Pakistan's first national elections in eight years, it could not alter the fact *that about 52 per cent of the* voters went to the polls. With some of the last results still to be declared last night, this remained a provisional tally, but it compared well with 57 per cent in 1970.

The President is furnished with a compliant National Assembly, which can stake a plausible claim to represent *the people. The opposition has* been weakened in a campaign that was loaded against it from the moment General Zia barred parties from contesting.

He will have little excuse now for failing to fulfil his *promise to lift martial law*, and to make the assembly sovereign. The new house is expected to coalesce soon into more-or-less formal party groupings. The biggest looks like being the Muslim League, whose supporters won about 60 of the 207 seats at issue on Monday. The new league's only link with Jinnah's national *movement is its name. It has* no record of dissent from military rule and no discernible ideology. Its parliamentary *strength will, however, make it* a serious challenger to the conventional opposition parties.

Marcos appears fit and well to quash poll speculation

From T.R. Lansner in Manila

President Marcos, *believed* to have been on the verge of death late last year after disappearing from public view for four weeks, appeared fit and well and pronounced himself back in harness yesterday at his first press conference in more than nine months.

At a nationally televised two-hour gathering *in his* Malacanang Palace, Mr Marcos, aged 67, expressed optimism that the country was overcoming the twin problems of a shattered economy and a guerrilla insurgency.

He also stated flatly that there would be no presidential or vice-presidential elections be*fore his present term* expires in 1987, contradicting predictions by several opposition leaders that early polls would be called.

The only surprising revelation concerned his close confidante, *the Armed Forces Chief* of Staff, General Fabian Ver, who during the press conference was appearing in court a few miles away where he is on trial for conspiring to murder the opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, in August, 1983.

President Marcos : *'fully recovered'*

*"There is a formal agree*ment among the leaders of the armed forces that if General Ver is acquitted he will be returned to his post," President Marcos said, explaining that the pact was reached at a meeting of top military men with him before General Ver *went on leave in October last* year.

Regarding his health, still a *constant* topic of speculation here, he said: "I feel well, my doctors tell me my vital signs are normal—my blood pressure, my pulse.

In an unprecedented procedure, the presidential press *conference was interrupted* twice for a total of five minutes of commercial television advertisements for various dry soups and an upcoming pop music programme. During the breaks Mr Marcos sat quietly *before his microphones.* There was no official explanation for the interruptions.

He also gave a confident assessment of the country's dire economic plight, saying that the rescheduling of the coun*trys $26 billion foreign* debt and new credit facilities would prompt an economic revival.

Sihanouk has new peace plan

By John Gittings

PRINCE Sihanouk, the head of the Kampuchean rebel coalition, has proposed an international conference to resolve the conflict on terms which may come closer to *the position of the Phnom* Penh Government and Vietnam.

The plan was announced from Canberra, where Prince Sihanouk is visiting, by the Foreign Minister, Mr Bill *Hayden. It proposed a con*ference, apparently without conditions, to involve China, the Soviet Union, Vietnam, the members of the Association of South-east Asian Nations (Asean) and Australia, and all the Kampuchean groups.

The Vietnamese army's successful campaign on the *Thai-Kampuchean* border against the major guerrilla bases has created more room for negotiating flexibility, although both sides are still far apart. Prince Sihanouk, a master over many years in adapting to new developments, has shown signs of reconsidering the situation.

Previous proposals from Asean and the guerrilla side for a Kampuchea conference have been based on the call *for prior Vietnamese with*drawal and UN-supervised elections. Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea have proposed a regional conference, including China and the Soviet Union, and have insisted that it should discuss *peace in* the region generally, with particular reference to the threat which, they say, is posed by China.

Prince Sihanouk has been strongly backed by China as *the only political force capa*ble of holding the disparate coaliton government-in-exile together. But last month he spoke openly about China's failure so far to "teach Vietnam a second lesson."

His new proposal, like that from the Indo-Chinese side, evokes the spirit of the 1954 and 1961 Geneva conferences on Vietnam and Laos. But there will still be a wide gap over the agenda unless the demand for priorVi etnamese withdrawal is definitely dropped. China will also resist any discussion of regional issues going beyond the Kampuchea question.

SA plans to ease influx control laws

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

Government plans to reform the Black Urban Areas Act, *the centre piece of South Afri*ca's controversial influx control laws, were labelled a "crushing disappointment" *yesterday by Mrs Sheena Dun*can, national director of the Black Sash and a leading authority on influx control.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, had announced earlier *that the act would be amended* to allow such blacks as qualified to live in one of the white-designated cities, freedom to move to other *white-con*trolled areas, without forfeiting their rights to live in the first city.

In addition, blacks in the process of qualifying for permanent residential rights in *one prescribed white area will* not lose the years credited to them if they move to another area.

Under the law as it stands, blacks who are born in a prescribed area qualify to live there, but risk losing their right to do so if they leave it for another without first ensuring that they have employ*ment and housing in the new* area.

Further, blacks not born in a prescribed urban area can qualify to live there permanently if they work continuously for one employer in the area for 10 years or for more than one employer in the same area for 15 years. But if blacks in the process of qualifying leave the area for another, they risk cancellation of all the years credited to them.

Dr Viljoen further announced that blacks with permanent residential rights in "*white*" *urban areas will* retain them even if they move to towns in the ten "black homelands," four of which are nominally independent states.

The pending amendments, however, do not affect the key function of the act; keeping blacks in the rural areas and the impoverished "homelands" out of the white-declared cities.

Dr Viljoen's announcement came in the wake of growing pressure from big business and some Afrikaner intellectuals for fundamental revision of influx control as a first step towards its abolition. It was in that context that Mrs Duncan described the proposed reform as a "crushing disappointment."

Commenting on President Botha's recent pledge to eliminate "negative and discriminatory" aspects of influx control, Professors Herman Gilliomee and Lawrence Schlemmer said: "We believe that it is impossible to soften and deracialise influx control. There is only one reformist solution: influx control must be revoked and replaced by a set of provisions promoting orderly urbanisation."

Two African National Congress insurgents, Bowo Xulu and Clarence Payi, were sentenced to death yesterday for the murder of Mr Ben Langa, a former secretary-general of the banned Black Consciousness *South African students'* organisation.

Mr Justice J. J. Kriek said in passing sentence: "Mr Langa was a member of the ANC suspected of having supplied false information and *(of) supporting* the society they were intent on destroying."

● The *dining* room in South Africa's parliament was declared open to legislators of all races yesterday almost two weeks after a white parliamentarian complained he was denied a luncheon table because he planned to entertain two colleagues of Asian ancestry. But, while the dining room might be integrated, the bar is still for whites only, as is the coffee shop, the catering committee said.

Aid official riles MEPs

From Derek Brown in Brussels

The head of the EEC emergency food aid unit has an*gered MEPs by suggesting to* them that famine-hit African countries were better off under colonial regimes.

Mr André Auclert is reported to have told the European Parliament's develop*ment committee on Monday* that he did not understand what had happened in Africa since independence.

"It was his view tht under colonial rule African countries managed drought and famine more effectively," the Labour MEP for Leeds, Mr Michael McGowan, said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

No case against Packer

AN official inquiry which linked the Australian businessman Kerry Packer to organised crime did not provide enough material to lay criminal charges against him, a spokesman for the Director of Public Prosecutions said in Sydney yesterday.

The final report by a royal commission into organised crime was made available to his department and other agencies last year after five of its 11 volumes were made public late last year.

The DPP had no interest in Mr Packer at the moment but considered it necessary for other agencies to investigate the matter further, a spokesman said. — Reuter.

Cafe saved

MR *Rene Mathiuat*, who for 20 years operated the Cafe des ofux Magots in Paris yesterday in just seven minutes bought the place, ensuring that the Left Bank magnet for Jean-Paul Sartre and Ernest Hemingway would not be turned into a "fast food joint." The 82-year-old Mr Mathiuat paid £1.4 million *for the 100-year-old* landmark on the Place Saint-Germain des Pres during a brief auction at Chambre des Notaires. — AP.

Topless ruling

A FEMALE Danish rock singer and a girlie magazine were considering yesterday a *High Court ruling* that in most cases, it is no longer degrading for a bare-breasted woman to appear in a magazine against her will. Sanne Salomonsen, aged 30, had sued the weekly magazine Ugens Rapport for $10,000 in damages for the display of sneak photos taken as she bathed topless on a deserted beach north *of Copenhagen.* — AP.

Carrier halted

GREENPEACE conservationist militants stopped a Norwegian freighter leaving Saint Nazaire, France, for South Africa yesterday with a cargo of toxic lead-based chemical used in motor fuel, a spokesman for the organisation said. French, West German, Dutch, and Danish Greenpeace activists moored an inflatable dinghy to the stern of the cargo ship Essi *Flora in the western port of* Saint Nazaire. — AP.

Music 'censored'

THE composer, Mikis Theodorakis, has accused the Greek government of censoring his music "like the military Junta did" by cancelling a scheduled television screening of *his latest con*cert. On Monday night, Greece's second state-run television channel showed a Greek movie instead of the Theodorakis concert recording. — AP.

Czech flees

A CZECHOSLOVAK soldier *dashed over the border into* Austria and asked for political asylum, the Austrian Interior Ministry said yesterday. The soldier was named as frontier guard Miroslav H., aged 23, from Kosice. Austrian guards said that Czechoslovak border guards opened fire with machine-guns as he escaped.—Reuter.

Flu epidemic

A FLU epidemic sweeping westward from *Siberia* to European Russia has put all hospitals in Moscow under quarantine, a Soviet health official said yesterday. Muscovites have reported since the epidemic started in early February that city drug stores have run out of Interferon, a popular anti-flu drug. — AP.

Strike call

FRANCE'S Communist-led CGT trade federation yseterday called a 24-hour strike at all ports from midnight. The strike call was directed at administrative staff and crane operators to protest against the failure of management *to finalise* a salary settlement for 1984.—Reuter.

Phoning up

THE Soviet Union is to launch a drive to update and expand its telephone system, the official newspaper Pravda said yesterday. The number of telephones in public use is to be increased by 60 to 70 per cent in the next five-year-plan which ends in 1990. — Reuter.

Police alert

POLICE were on alert yesterday in the curfew-bound western Indian towns of Bharatpur and Deeg where four people died and more than 200 injured in clashes with police about the death *of an opposition politician.* — Reuter.

No prosecution

ISRAEL's Attorney-General said yesterday he would not press treason charges against an Israeli journalist who attended a meeting of the Palestine National Council, the Palestinians' Parliament in exile, in Amman last November. — Reuter.

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Government backs down on price increases

Walesa drops his strike call after claiming victory

By Hella Pick

Mr Lech Walesa yesterday withdrew his call for a 15-minute general strike tomorrow, averting a trial of strength with the Polish Government. The Solidarity leader claimed victory because the authorities had backed down from their plan to impose a 12 per cent price increase from March 12.

These were increasingly strident recriminations, meanwhile, between the United States and Poland aout the expulsion of the US military attaché in Warsaw. This was followed on Monday night by an expulsion order against the Polish military attache in Washington. While a Polish spokesman yesterday complained of a US vendetta against Poland, the White House warned that "we would really get tough" if Poland expelled any more US diplomats.

Mr Walesa's advice against attempting a national stoppage tomorrow came soon after the Polish government spokesman, Mr Jerzy Urban, had warned that factory managers had been told to act severely against strikers, and had been empowered to order instant dismissal.

However, Solidarity's leader made it clear that the decision to call off the strike had been taken, not because of concern over government sanctions, but because the outlawed trade union had already achieved its "aim of forcing the authorities to back down" on its planned price increases.

Mr Walesa, with other Solidarity leaders, some of whom have since been detained, had been campaigning against this renewed attempt to rationalise the price structure and reduce government subsidies on basic, mostly rationed, commodities. Solidarity claimed that Poland's workers could not afford the estimated 4.2 per cent increase in the cost of living, and that far too many Poles were already living below the poverty line.

Last weekend, the new government-backed trade unions, set up to try to replace Solidarity, also came out with a declaration opposing the projected 12 per cent price increase. After a cabinet meeting on Monday, the Government announced that it was responding to the new trade unions' objections, and had decided on a more gradual price reform. It also announced an increase in minimum pensions.

The Government is saying that its decision follows prolonged consultation with Polish public opinion. However, there is a widespread belief in Poland that the authorities did not want to risk a confrontation with Mr Walesa, whose strike call might have been widely followed.

Meanwhile, the Polish government's hopes of securing some relief, for the country's deep-seated economic crisis. In restoring its relations with the United States, have again receded. The affair of Colonel Myer, the US military attache in Poland, has generated mutual mud-slinging, which is comparatively rare in cases where one country accuses another of using its diplomats for espionage.

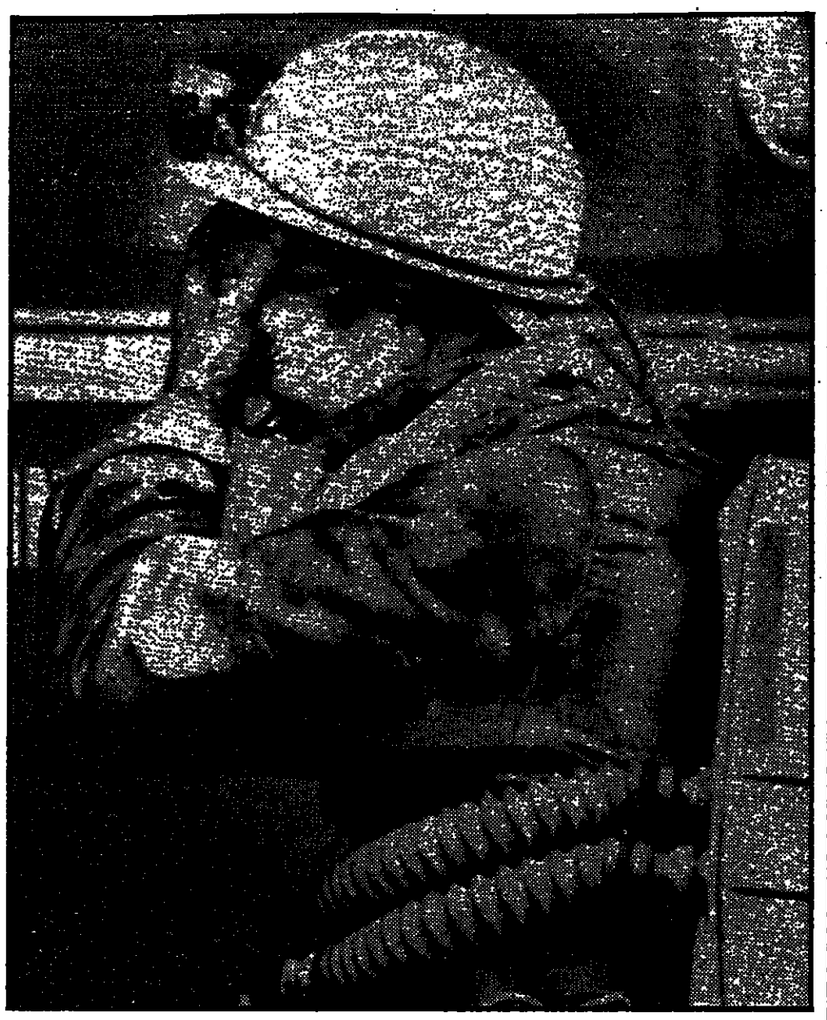
Last Thursday, Colonel Myer and his wife were driving in a recently bought Volvo, which had not yet been given the diplomatic number plates, to which the military attache was entitled. They were stopped by Polish security officials in an area 65 miles north of Warsaw which is designated as a restricted military zone, and the colonel was accused of photographing military installations.

Beyond this, Poland and the US are in total disagreement over last Thursday's events. The Americans claim that the couple were held incommunicado for six hours, and that Mrs Myer was forced to undress and perform humiliating physical exercises in an apparent attempt to find hidden film.

The Polish spokesman has forcefully denied that Mrs Myer was humiliated.

With the Popieluszko trial still fresh in Polish minds, there is speculation that the Myer affair may be another example of the security services acting independently of the Government's interests, and either deliberately or inadvertently provoking an incident with the United States.

Mr Urban, defending the decision to expel Colonel Myer, who leaves Warsaw this morning, said yesterday that the United States was guilty of "an intentional attempt" to worsen US-Soviet relations.



A rescue worker mops his face after emerging from the coal mine at Forbach, northern France, where an explosion killed 22 miners. The Prime Minister Mr Laurent Fabius, visited the pit yesterday and promised a full inquiry

Kremlin calls for test ban treaty

From our Own Correspondent in Moscow

Two weeks before the next round of US-Soviet talks in Geneva, the Soviet Union has called for a new international test ban treaty.

"One of the top priority steps that could be taken to put the Soviet-US negotiations on the right track is the complete prohibition of nuclear weapons tests," Pravda said yesterday in a special editorial headed "urgent matter."

"Termination of the tests is the key problem in limiting the possibilities for the production of new types of nuclear bombs and warheads," Pravda went on, adding that it feared such a test-ban treaty "does not suit the present US Administration in its hope to achieve military superiority over the Soviet Union."

Noting that the US had raised the problem of verification as a hurdle in securing any agreement on a test ban, Pravda said: "These are invented difficulties and they can be resolved on the basis of the standing proposals of the Soviet Union and other countries."

Last week, the Soviet Union agreed to cooperate with inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Authority who will monitor the Soviet nuclear energy programme. There was an implication in the Pravda statement that nuclear test verification could be arranged in a similar way.

The call for a test ban treaty came ten days after a similar Soviet call for a mutual freeze on nuclear arsenals by both superpowers, as an earnest of good intentions in the build-up to the new Geneva talks. Although the Soviet side has made it clear that President Reagan's Star Wars project is by far their most important concern, they are also hoping for movement on a test ban treaty, a mutual halt to deployment of medium-range misiles, and at best a freeze.

In Rome yesterday, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, said that the Geneva talks would be difficult but Moscow did not despair of their outcome.

"We do not nourish illusions: the negotiations will be difficult, but we are far from a fatal desperation," he said at a lunch given by Italian Foreign Minister Mr Giulio Andreotti.

Georgia puts up recipe for success

From Martin Walker in Mts'xheta, Georgia

THE Marani restaurant in the ancient Georgian capital of Mts'xheta is special for more than its warmth of welcome, and pleasant ethnic surroundings.

It also embodies the kind of economic future which Soviet reformers desire. It is a showcase for the great economic experiment which is supposed to invigorate the Soviet Union's lagging growth rates, to galvanise its woeful services sector and to decentralise decision-making away from the clogged headquarters of Gosplan, the state planning committee in Moscow.

The Marani takes in some 3,000 roubles (£3,061) a day, just over a million roubles a year. Of that turnover, just over 30 per cent is what a Westerner would call profit. About a third of this goes to the Georgian Co-op, which "owns" the place, and the rest is shared out as staff bonuses, spent on holiday vouchers for the staff and their families, and used to expand the restaurant's facilities.

Among these are its own bakery and its own small farm. In a country where the average industrial wage is less than 200 roubles a month, the cooks and waiters at the Marani earn 400 roubles a month, with their bonuses.

"I have been the manager here for 15 years, but the changes really began two years ago when the economic experiment meant that we no longer had to buy food from the state board," said Mr Jemal Rezavishvili, aged 46, who is in charge of the 65 employees.

"We were able to go down to the free market and buy the meats and vegetables we wanted for cash, rather than take what was made available to us. I was able to go to the wine co-operate and buy the wines I thought our customers would want to drink."

In effect, it is a private business, a small co-operative, run with the planners' knowledge, but without their interference. Quality has gone up, wages have soared, and productivity is higher. This is what the campaigners of the economic experiment promised would happen, and the Marani is their showcase.

Georgia has always been one of the less typically Soviet of the 15 republics of the Soviet Union. Its climate, distinct traditional language and culture, its long tradition of wine-making and rural prosperity have made it different.

So it was almost to be expected that the economic experiment would begin here, in the western region of Abasha, just 10 years ago with an attempt at decentralisation and local self-management.

The heads of the big farms, the main industrial and distribution centres, and the party officials who ran the biggest towns were told to meet regularly, to co-ordinate their plans, their problems and their opportunities, and they were largely left to get on with it.

They set up a makeshift leasing system for industrial plant, lorries, warehouse space and so on. They found ways of using local industrial wastes as fertilisers, local food surpluses as incentive payments for industrial workers, and within four years, were making enough "profit" to finance their own house and dacha building schemes as further incentives, and were paying good enough bonuses to put Abasha to the top of the private cars per-head list of Soviet regions.

The Georgians have set up yet another kind of system to cope with the tricky social problems of human emigration from the barren highlands of the Caucasus. The population of the mountain districts had been dropping at a calamitous 10 per cent a decade since the end of the war. The answer was to set up co-operative systems, using state funds to establish ski resorts, tourist hotels and health resorts. They provide local employment, and also a ready-made market for food from private plots, so local farmers have an incentive to stay and to farm more intensively.

From Georgia, the economic experiment began to spread, first to the other southern republics like Armenia and Azerbaijan, and then to the tiny Baltic republics. And in 1982, with the backing of Yuri Andropov and the current heir apparent to the Kremlin, Mikhail Gorbachev, it was given the Central Committee's stamp of approval for extending the system throughout the Soviet Union.

But progress, predictably has been slow. There is barely-disguised hostility from some regional party bureaucracies who see their authority being undermined. And in the vastness of Russia, neither the climate nor the long distances to urban markets makes the freedom to sell food from the private plot quite the incentive it has become in the smaller republics.

The big defence industry plants are kept firmly outside the system, and the Gosplan officials in Moscow complain that it becomes incomparably harder to plan the economy, and that a kind of official black economy is now growing up which depends upon them state for it resources, but returns too little of its profits.

Espionage trial told of ordeal

Oslo: The accused spy, Arne Treholt, testified yesterday that prosecutors had deliberately misrepresented him as confessing.

The Chief Prosecutor Mr Lars Qvigstad, claimed that Treholt, aged 42, had cooperated fully with police after his arrest and hinted that he had confessed immediately after being taken into custody.

The former diplomat testified for five hours yesterday, denying prosecution descriptions of an espionage career involving 120 meetings with Soviet officials and 6,000 pages of secret documents kept at his home.

"The prosecution's allegation is taken completely out of the air," he said, claiming that instead of 120 meetings with spies he had had 59 working lunches and dinners with Soviet diplomats over more than a decade.

The documents had inadvertently wound up in his flat after various moves and job changes, he said, and all but 45 were irrelevant to his case.

Once one of Norway's rising young diplomats, Treholt is charged with eight different violations of civil and military security laws. He is accused of betraying a vast array of secrets, including Nato nuclear weapons strategies and details of Nato's defences in the Arctic.

Treholt denied the espionage accusations saying that immediately after his arrest, he had been put through an exhausting 15-hour interrogation.

"Wasn't it so that you insisted on going on until you had given a complete statement?" Mr Qvigstad said.

Treholt said he had done so only because he was then under a "delusion" that "if I got through with this I thought and believed I could go home and meet my son the next day."

Treholt said he could not remember being shown a picture of a contact named Titov by his inquisitors.

"Weren't you shown a picture of yourself in Vienna?" Mr Quigstad asked, referring to a photograph which showed Treholt in the company of two alleged Soviet agents.—AP.

Cypriot leader's visit off

By John Torode

The political crisis in Cyprus has forced President Kyprianou to cancel a visit to London.

The Greek-Cypriot leader was due to see Mrs Thatcher tomorrow to discuss a new UN peace initiative expected after the collapse of talks with the Turkish-Cypriot leader, Mr Rauf Denktash, last month.

But he still hopes to meet the Prime Minister before he starts talks with the UN Secretary-General, Mr Perez de Cuellar, in Geneva next month.

The President has been under pressure to resign since the House of Representatives, passed a motion of censure on him.

A majority—comprising members of the Communist Akel party and the rightwing Rally, led by Mr Glafcos Clerides—took the view that he should have accepted a preliminary peace plan as demanded by Mr Denktash. President Kyprianou wanted prior agreement on a timetable for the withdrawal of mainland Turkish troops who occupy more than one third of the island.

President Kyprianou's supporters say the majority against him was "an opportunistic alliance" of two parties with fundamentally conflicting views. There is no question of his resignation.

Turkish sources are already pointing to the divisions in the Greek-Cypriot camp, claiming that it was only the unrepresentative obstruction of the President which wrecked the last round of talks at the UN in New York.

Community still fails to drain away its wine lake

From Derek Brown in Brussels

European Community farm ministers were heading for their second successive late night session of reform talks yesterday evening, after more than 24 hours of fruitless discussion on wine, milk, and farm price increases.

A discussion on how to drain the Community's massive 30-million hectolitre wine lake started on Monday afternoon, and was still going on last night. The current Italian EEC presidency produced a compromise plan in the early hours, and a flurry of detailed amendments through yesterday.

But the proposals failed to break a log-jam of objections. At the centre of the deadlock is a Franco-Italian dispute over the proper degree of national responsibility for curbing wine production. France also wants generous compensation for farmers who abandon wine growing.

Having struggled in vain to achieve workable curbs on wine production, ministers turned yesterday evening to an even longer-running dispute on how to cut back milk production.

They first agreed to fix output quotas, and to penalise over-producers, on March 31 last year. Now, with the first anniversary of that historic agreement looming, they remain deeply divided on how to make the new system stick.

Britain strongly supports proposals from the EEC Commission to reform the reform itself. The main effect of the Commission's mini-package of measures would be to aid farmers who produce both for wholesale creameries and for direct sale to consumers. As the system stands, farmers who cut back hard on wholesale production can still be penalised if they fail to cut much smaller sales direct to consumers. The package would allow both categories of output to be assessed together for super-levy.

Most EEC countries are keen to end the politically embarrassing squabble. Milk production is, in fact, well down over the past 12 months.

But at least three countries were holding out last night for improved deals for their own farmers: Ireland, Germany, and the Netherland.

The Irish Farm Minister, Mr Austin Deasy, is threatening to block the entire reform unless his country's allocation of milk quotas is increased by some 60,000 tonnes. That would compensate for the amount inadvertently omitted by themselves from their assessment last year.

Wiesenthal spots a chance

From our own Correspondent in Brussels

The West German Government should seize the opportunity of President Stroessner of Paraguay's proposed visit this summer to demand the extradition of Josef Mengele, Mr Simon Wiesenthal said yesterday.

"President Stroessner should come, and Chancellor Kohl should talk to him. A boycott will produce nothing," the Nazi-hunter said.

General Stroessner's visit is as yet only tentatively proposed for July, and the Bonn government is known to be deeply reluctant to accord the long-term dictator any kind of official recognition.

Paraguay has a sizeable German population, and the general himself is of Bavarian descent. Public opinion in Germany is sharply divided on the visit, but Mr Wiesenthal, head of the Vienna-based Jewish Documentation Centre, believes that all possible should be done to bring Mengele to justice.

He said yesterday that the last reliable sighting of Mengele had been two-and-a-half years ago, in a village in the Chaco region of Paraguay, although the authorities there had repeatedly denied his presence.

He could not say whether the latest million-dollar reward by a group of Californian and other businessmen, would end the pursuit of the Auschwitz killer. The reward is to be split in three parts, one for information leading to the arrest, one for an appropriate benevolent fund of the police force involved, and the third to establish a research centre into the "medical" atrocities committed by Mengele.

Mr Wiesenthal, aged 77, said the search for Mengele, and for all war criminals, was as relevant as ever. "People involved in genocide should know there is nowhere in the world they can die in peace," he said.

New chess match date

By Leonard Barden.

The president of the World Chess Federation (Fide), Mr Florencio Campomanes, widely criticised for his action in halting the Karpov v Kasparov title series in Moscow, confirmed yesterday that a new match would start on September 1.

He said he had stopped the Moscow contest owing to the "deteriorating quality of the games"

London organisers are campaigning strongly for the September match to be played in Britain. The chess impresario, Mr Raymond Keene, announced yesterday, that he had a promise to host the series from the London Docklands Development Corporation, which staged last summer's Russia v World match.

Mr Keene has cabled Mr Campomanes, urging support for London's proposal. He has a computer firm interested in putting up a £100,000 prize fund, together with other overall costs estimated at around £150,000.

Top prize for British film

By Patrick Ensor

David Hare's first feature film, Wetherby, starring Vanessa Redgrave, won the top prize at the Berlin Film Festival yesterday. It shared the Golden Bear award with an East German film, The Woman And The Stranger.

The Silver Bear went to the Hungarian Flowers Of Reverie, and the best director prize was taken by Robert Benton for Places In The Heart.

Ken Loach's film about the miners, Which Side Are You On?, already screened by Channel 4, won the ecumenical jury's prize at Berlin. this jury, composed of critics of various religious denominations, also commended Hail Mary, Jean-Luc Godard's controversial film about the Virgin Mary, which caused a row in Versailles when the film opened in France.

Marguerite Duras, winner of last year's Prix Goncourt, won a Berlin prize for the script of her film, The Children.

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Mexico police play a suspect role

From Peter Chapman in Mexico City

The arrest of three people in connection with the case of a US narcotics squad agent kidnapped earlier this month has again cast doubt on the role of the police in organised crime.

The authorities announced on Monday night that they had arrested Tomas Morlett, a former high-ranking official in the Federal Security Directorate, the equivalent of the FBI. He was accompanied by two bodyguards, both former policemen.

The three were arrested on the road between Tijuana and Mexicali, near the US border. They all carried valid Federal Security credentials, despite being retired from the force.

The arrests followed attacks over the past two weeks by the US authorities on their Mexican counterparts for an apparent reluctance to push ahead in the search for the agent, who was abducted in Guadalajara.

The US ambassador said, in effect, that the Mexican Government had lost control of an estimated 18 drug rings operating around the city and acting as suppliers of heroin and cocaine to the US market.

The US Drug Enforcement Agency said that tip-offs it had given on the whereabouts of alleged major drug dealers in Mexico City had not been acted upon until the suspects had been allowed to get away.

The US authorities said they would today call off exhaustive checks on cars coming from Mexico at the 2,000-mile border. The checks had led to huge traffic holdups, and considerable contention between the two countries.

The whole issue raises a question about the effectiveness of the "moral renovation" campaign launched by the Mexican Government against corruption in high places.

Belize appeal to Britain

Kingston: The Belize Prime Minister, Mr Manuel Esquivel, has said that he will not replace a garrison of 1,800 British troops with forces from another country if the British withdraw.

He said in Jamaica that he was seeking a commitment from Britain not to remove its Belize garrison, which is maintained to dissuade Guatemala from pressing a territorial claim to the tiny country by force.

"In the case of a British withdrawal we would not like to replace them by any other troops for the simple reason that the only troops that could credibly replace them are from the US," Mr Esquivel said.

At independence in 1981, Britain promised to station forces in Belize "for an appropriate period." — Reuter.

NZ again defends ship ban

Washington: The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr David Lange, said yesterday that the Reagan Administration had overreacted to his country's ban on visits by US warships.

"We made a democratic decision," he said, in an NBC television interview. "We decided that our security would be enhanced by not having nuclear weapons in and around our country. Our people determined that. Now we are being made to pay a price for that."

New Zealand prohibits visits by nuclear-armed or nuclear-powered vessels. Because the United States refuses to specify which of its vessels carry nuclear arms, New Zealand has rejected visits by American warships.

In retaliation, the Reagan Administration has cancelled a naval manoeuvre under the Anzus mutual defence pact, which groups Australia, New Zealand, and the United States.

Mr Lange was in Los Angeles yesterday for talks with a US State Department official.

In the television interview, Mr Lange disputed Mr Shultz's contention that New Zealand had abandoned the Anzus pact.

Mr Lange said he hoped that the Reagan Administration would stick to its assurance that trade between the two countries would not be hurt by Wellington's ban on nuclear ships. — Reuter.

Shultz says new missiles are not Geneva bargaining chips

From Michael White in Washington

The Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, yesterday insisted that America's new generation of strategic missiles were not "bargaining chips" for the Geneva talks and appealed for national unity behind the negotiators.

Speaking to the Senate Armed Services Committee as part of the Administration's annual softening up process in advance of formal requests on Pentagon weapons programmes, Mr Shultz concentrated on the MX missile: $4 billion is being sought to build an additional 48 for the silos of Nebraska and Wyoming.

He described the MX, which is due to close the supposed "window of vulnerability" in the US land-based strategic missile force — currently Minuteman III — from late 1983, as "a vital element," in maintaining a stable nuclear balance. Mr Shultz said it was the only such weapon which Washington had developed since the Salt II treaty of 1979. The Russians were developing no less than five new intercontinental ballistic missiles, the SS-17, 18 and 19 plus the new SS-x-24 and 25. He called it a relentless build-up.

The MX is part of a three-pronged US modernisation which also embraces the Trident programme at sea and the B-1B bomber, and has not been without controversy itself. The B-1 was briefly cancelled by President Carter, and the MX programme was only

Mr Shultz

rescued in the House of Representatives last year with the help of Mr Les Aspin, the new chairman of the house's Armed Services Committee and a former Pentagon official. He is now reconsidering his position.

Mr Shultz was therefore doing his best yesterday to emphasise that, with the Geneva talks opening in earnest on March 12, now was no time to question the Reagan Administration's weapons budget requests — as Congress is noisily doing in the interests of "fair" cuts right across the budgetary board.

He said: "One thing we have learned is that the Russians respect strength and firmness," and cited the Russian failure to prevent cruise and Pershing deployment in Western Europe as having persuaded them to return to Geneva.

The Secretary of State described the opening skirmishes of 1985 as amounting to a positive start from which beneficial results for world peace could emerge and eventually lead to, "a new strategic environment, based on defence and not simply the prospect of mutually assured destruction — a reference to the Star Wars research programme.

But in unusually forceful terms, he repeatedly stressed: "When we sit down at the table to discuss these questions with the Soviet Union, it is essential that we speak with one voice, that we do not present the picture of a nation in conflict with itself, giving the Soviet Union either openings to exploit or false hopes that we will make unilateral, unreciprocated concessions."

In a spate of congressional hearings, the delicacy of this hope was underlined this week when the State Department's doveish Assistant Secretary, Mr Richard Burt, and his hawkish opposite number at the Pentagon, Mr Richard Perle, gave evidence to senators.

In separate testimony yesterday, the Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, echoed Mr Shultz in saying that the US failure to correct the current strategic imbalance meant that "We cannot afford to wait any longer." Without an American willingness to "raise the cost of aggression to unacceptable levels," the Russians had no incentive to negotiate, he said.

Top Mafia figures indicted

New York: A federal grand jury yesterday indicted all nine members of "the commission", alleged to be the ruling council of the Mafia's five crime families in New York.

The indictment alleges that the commission authorised gangland killings, settled mob disputes and regulated Mafia criminal activities ranging from loan-sharking and gambling to drug trafficking and labour racketeering.

The indictment said that the Cosa Nostra Commission was set up to avoid disputes that arose among the five families, or among other crime families in the United States. It alleged that killings approved by the commission included the 1979 murder of Carmine Galante, who was shot dead in the patio of a Brooklyn restaurant as he was eating dinner.

The indictment said that other murders and attempted murders were planned by the commission, which, it said, was involved in extortion and the control of the New York concrete industry.

The five alleged bosses indicted are Paul Castellano of the Gambino family; Antony "Fat Tony" Salerno, of the Genovese family; Anthony Corallo, of the Lucchese family; Philip Rastelli, of the Bonnano family; and Genarro Langella, of the Colombo family. All are either under previous indictment or under arrest. — Reuter.

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Thatcher attacked on dollar

STERLING

The Prime Minister told MPs in the Commons yesterday that Britain's options to combat the upward surge of the dollar against sterling were strictly limited.

Mrs Thatcher faced strong attacks from the opposition for her failure to get the US President, Ronald Reagan, to act over the strength of the dollar and the fall in the pound.

The Prime Minister said that only limited action on intervention in the exchange markets and on interest rates was possible and the surge in the dollar was caused by the vigorous free enterprise culture of the US economy. A sudden turn and a sharp fall in the value of the dollar could be disastrous for certain sections of the British economy.

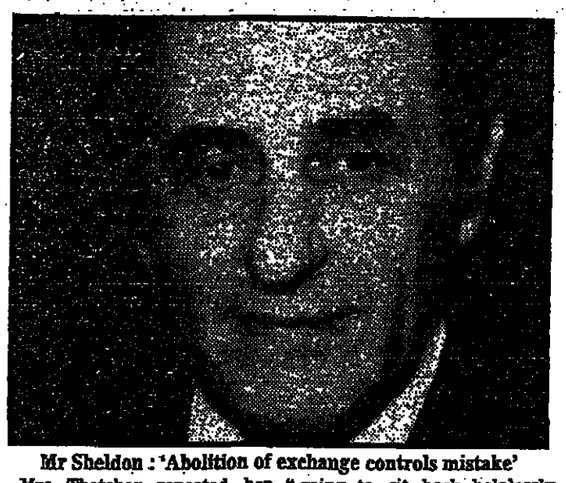
The exchanges over sterling continued through Prime Minister's question time and into a statement by Mrs Thatcher on her Washington visit.

Mrs Thatcher told MPs: "Part of the strength of the dollar is the great strength of the American economy, with much lower public expenditure and much better labour laws." She echoed President Reagan's claim that job creation lay with individual workers, business people, entrepreneurs, and not with government.

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, said that sterling had fallen to an all-time low against the trade-weighted index and it was now time for the Prime Minister to accept the advice of the Governor of the Bank of England and the Confederation of British Industry to join the European Monetary System.

The Prime Minster replied: "Over the last few days the dollar has reached a record high against almost all European currencies. It is not only against the pound but also the French franc, the lira, the highest ever figure against the deutchsmark for 13 years and against the Swiss franc for 10 years. Joining the EMS will not help, given the strength of the dollar against all European currencies." It would also reduce the Government's room for manoeuvre.

Mr Bryan Gould (Lab, Dagenham) demanded: "Is there to be yet higher interest rates or do we have to live both with the plunging pound and with record interest rates which have failed to do their job?"



Mr Sheldon: 'Abolition of exchange controls mistake'

Mrs Thatcher repeated her description of the surge of the dollar and noted that the pound had appreciated against all the major currencies except the dollar and the yen: "It would be helpful for me to answer any questions about future interest rates or about intervention. He knows it would be totally wrong to do so."

She then read her prepared statement on her Washington visit. She said that she had explained to the American President concern in Europe at the continued rise of the US dollar against other currencies.

"I found this concern widely shared within the US Administration, not least because of the adverse effect on their own agricultural and manufacturing industries. But it was recognised that no easy remedy existed. The President and I agreed that the best contribution the United States could make for a long-term solution lay in a reduction of their budget deficit."

The President had put specific proposals to Congress to this end, she said. "I argued strongly against protectionist measures as a way of dealing with the trade effects of the high dollar on the US economy. I was assured that the Administration was not contemplating such measures."

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Leader, said the recent bout of speculation against the pound was a direct result of the failure of Mrs Thatcher's "flattering and fawning appeal" to President Reagan to bail out the pound.

Given the consequences for interest rates and import prices for Britain, was she "going to sit back helplessly and hopelessly and watch the pound fall below the level of the dollar?"

Mrs Thatcher replied by repeating that the dollar had surged against all European currencies. She said there were only two things that could be done, and both were limited. Joint intervention was possible, but it would be on a comparatively small scale compared with the enormous sums being moved around by speculators. Such joint action had been taken under the Williamsburg agreement. The other way was action on interest rates, but she said she was not sure whether Mr Kinnock wanted them to go up or down.

Mr Julien Amery (C, Brighton Pavilion) said that President Reagan's comments last Thursday were not a slap in the face for the Prime Minister. He had agreed with what she had been saying for many years: "It is time for us to reorganise our economy so that we can compete in the world markets," he said.

Mrs Thatcher said: "No action taken could have stopped the surge in the dollar that we have seen. It reflects the strength of free enterprise and enterprise culture in the US economy."

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, said "When President Reagan said each country must stand on its own two feet did it have a familiar ring for the honourable lady?"

Mrs Thatcher declined to reply directly.

Mr Ian Lloyd (C, Havant) said, with tongue in cheek that, since the pound and the dollar appear to be approaching parity would she now consider declaring the dollar legal tender in the United Kingdom.

Led by Mr Hugh Dykes (C, Harrow E) several backbench Tories pressed her again to consider joining the EMS.

Mrs Thatcher rejected a charge from the Labour chairman of the Commons Public Accounts Committee, Mr Robert Sheldon, that abolition of exchange controls had been a dreadful mistake.

Mrs Thatcher said that while the dollar had appreciated against sterling by 95 per cent since the Government abolished exchange controls, it had gone up by 140 per cent against the French franc—which was still under exchange controls.

Mrs Thatcher told Mr Henry Bellingham (C, Norfolk NW) that employment in the British economy was rising and there were a number of people worried that if the dollar suddenly turned and sharply fell it would have a disastrous effect and consequences for parts of the British economy.

SCOTLAND

Move on home rule thwarted

By our Political Staff

THE sixth anniversary of the referendum majority in favour of Scottish devolution was marked yesterday by Mr John Home Robertson (Lab, East Lothian) with a bill to give a Commons committee the power to carry out consultation in Scotland on constitutional reform.

But he was denied leave to introduce the bill in the Commons by 223 votes to 115 — a majority against the measure of 108.

Mr Home Robertson said that 51 out of 72 Scottish MPs were committed to some degree of Scottish home rule. "This situation is dangerous — the failure of the Government to respect the democratic process in Scotland is bringing the whole constitution into disrepute."

He said the Government's failure to respond to the demands for devolution in Scotland played into the hands of the nationalists who wanted to break up the United Kingdom.

The next Labour Government would be committed to legislation on Scottish home rule

Opposing the measure, the former Solicitor-General for Scotland, Mr Nicholas Fairbairn (C, Perth and Kinross) said it was a chikkish bill and a majority of Scots did not live in Scotland — the vast majority lived in North America, New Zealand and Australia.

PM quizzed on contribution to EEC overdraft

THE EEC

By Colin Brown

THE Prime Minister was challenged yesterday by the Opposition leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, to disclose how much Britain would be contributing towards the proposed EEC overdraft, but she failed to provide an answer during Prime Minister's questions in the Commons.

Later, a Treasury spokesman said the amount of Britain's contribution was not yet known.

Mr Kinnock reminded Mrs Thatcher in the Commons that in June last year she had said it was not right for the EEC to raise a loan for budgetary purposes.

But he protested that the Government was now ready to approve an overdraft facility, as reported yesterday in the Guardian, despite already making advance payments towards EEC expenditure of £250 million. "How much is the current overdraft going to be?" he asked.

Mrs Thatcher said that in view of the decision of the European Parliament, the EEC had to have budgets this year based on one-twelfth of the budget last year. There was a need to meet agricultural commitments, and amounts had been brought forward to enable the EEC to continue.

She asked Mr Kinnock whether he wished to see a total disruption of the EEC, which would cause great concern for British people.

Mr Kinnock said that after the Fontainbleau summit Mrs Thatcher told the Commons that there would be machinery to deal with the EEC's financial problems and this had been largely attributed to her "negotiating genious." Mr Kinnock said Britain was now being asked to repay its own rebate to the EEC.

Mr Kinnock: 'How much is the current overdraft going to be?'

Mrs Thatcher said: "No, the rebate this year will eventually come — as did the rebate for last year."

The new regime could not come into operation until orders were laid before the House. It would not come into operation until June, 1986, and all the Orders had to go before the House first, she said.

'Many ministers opposed to fluoride'

WATER

A TORY MP said last night that 21 members of the Government had expressed their opposition to the addition of fluoride to the public water supply.

Although they were entitled to change their minds, Mr Keith Best (C, Ynys Mon) said it was right to place on record that a large number of ministers had been opposed to the artificial fluoridation of water supplies.

He opened the debate on the remaining stages of the Water (Fluoridation) Bill with a clause requiring ministers to ensure that levels of fluoride were monitored in water supplies in all parts of the United Kingdom. He said this was in response to "the profound disquiet" expressed by a large number of MPs from all sides of the House.

The bill will ensure that water authorities can add fluoride to the water supplies without fear of legal challenge despite a court ruling in Scotland that it was illegal. A number of anti-fluoride Tory MPs were planning to vote against the measure.

RATES

Jenkin 'cooking books'

By Alan Travis

THE GOVERNMENT is planning to ensure that ratepayers in the six English metropolitan counties face a nil increase or a cut in their rates bills in 1986 when the metropolitan county councils are to be abolished.

But the Labour environment spokesman, Mr Jack Straw, claimed yesterday that Mr Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, was prepared to "cook the books" of borough councils to make it appear that abolishing the metropolitan counties would save money.

Mr Straw claimed that this was revealed yesterday in a leaked letter from Mr Jenkin to Mr Ronald Watson, a Conservative councillor in Sefton, Merseyside.

Mr Watson had written to Mr Jenkin complaining at the stiff spending penalty that his council faced and asking him to take action given "our political support in this part of the world is ebbing away at an alarming rate.

In Mr Jenkin's reply, dated January 22, 1985, he talked of the problems faced by Sefton Borough Council in the present rate support grant system but added at the end of his letter: "As to the future, I am well aware of the view that the year when the abolition of the metropolitan counties takes place should be seen to coincide with a nil increase or ideally a reduction in the ratepayers' bill. This is certainly something I shall have in mind."

Mr Straw said: "This is a staggering leak. It shows that the Government is being politically corrupt." He accused Mr Jenkin of using ratepayers' own money in an attempt to prove that abolition was saving money rather than costing money. He also accused the Environment Secretary of planning to "cook the books" of Metropolitan borough councils to ensure a nil rating increase in the year that the county councils were abolished.

Mr Kenneth Baker, the Local Government Minister, described this as a "trivial and absurd" claim. He said that all Mr Jenkin was saying was that savings from abolition should be passed on to the ratepayer.

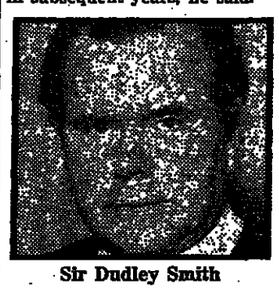
COINAGE

No change for £1

A CHANGE in the appearance and size of the £1 coin to make it more acceptable to the elderly, was ruled out last night by the Treasury Minister, Mr Ian Stewart.

The change was requested in a Commons written question by Sir Dudley Smith (C, Warwick and Leamington). Mr Stewart said there were no plans to alter the coin, which had been subject to extensive research before its introduction.

A Scottish version of the coin, carrying a crown with thistles, was issued last year. A Welsh version would be issued in April. Ulster and English versions will be issued in subsequent years, he said.



Sir Dudley Smith

THE ECONOMY

Thatcher's road

THE PRIME Minister last night included the reduction of government borrowing and taxation among the highest priorities in a list of objectives for the remaining period of the current Parliament, *writes Colin Brown.*

In a Commons written answer, which read like a Queen's Speech, Mrs Thatcher told Conservative backbencher, Mr Teddy Taylor (Southend E) that the Government would aim for continued reduction of inflation and sustained economic growth based on sound financial policies.

While many of the objectives had a familiar sound to them they are likely to be used by Mrs Thatcher's supporters to rebutt the charge by her critics that her Government has lost its way.

She mapped out the route in broad terms by stating that the Government would continue policies "designed to achieve better prospects for employment, involving a more flexible and competitive economy encouraging initiative and enterprise."

The broad aim would be to hold pubic expenditure stable in real terms. Mrs Thatcher added: "We will work for the spread of wealth and ownership more widely in our country, based upon the privitisation of industries, the encouragement of individual home ownership and the spread of employee profit sharing and share participation in business."

Abroad, Mrs Thatcher said, the Government would maintain the effectiveness of Britain's defences through cooperation with her Nato allies and would ensure that Britain maintained an independent nuclear deterrent.

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Andrea Cringean. Picture by Glynn Satterley

In the second in our series on professional women photographers, we focus on the work of Andrea Cringean, who took these pictures of women body builders at the 1984 Mr Scotland and Miss Scotia contest at Portobello Town Hall.

Muscling in

Assignment

EVEN before a beach bully allegedly kicked sand in Charles Atlas's face, puny men were shaping up. Women too have pumped iron for years: in the thirties, Rosemary Andre knocked the eyes out of the male strongarm establishment as the Pocket Venus.

And in the eighties? Women — especially in America — are bodybuilding in larger numbers than ever, and the freakshow element has not entirely disappeared. In fact, whether enthusiasts like it or not, it's still a hot issue. Beauty is definitely in the eye of the beholder in this business but men who bulge like bullfrogs still look weird to most people: on women, the spectacle usually triggers a reaction of horror.

Yet women bodybuilders are increasingly going for muscle development (physique) as opposed to simple body shaping (figure). And, according to Oscar Heidentam, of the National Amateur Body Builders' Association, they have been under increasing pressure in recent years to make the distinction clear in competitions.

To be fair, most women who take up bodybuilding have no desire to develop the amazing "cuts" — muscle definition — of a Mr Universe. Norman Hibbert, in the game for 35 years and an evening instructor at a council-run fitness centre in Hammersmith, says the first thing most women who attend his classes say is that they have no desire to clone Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Mr Hibbert believes that *more women are now attracted* to bodybuilding as an "end product of women's lib." They have always been part *of the show in contests, but* now they were demanding an "equal part of the show," muscles and all.

That may be so, but as these pictures show, women have no qualms about appearing on a stage designed strictly for men — in *this* case, Mr Scotland.

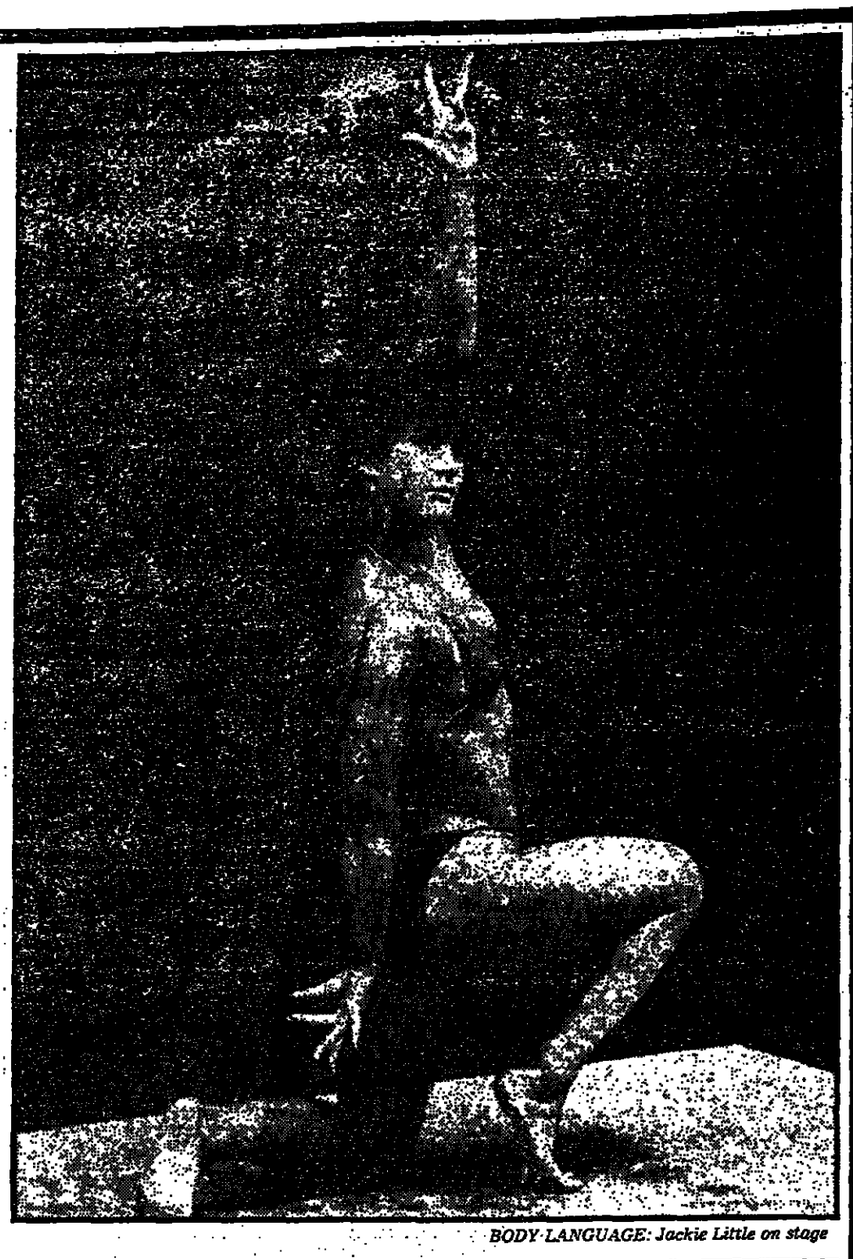
Two women who illustrate perfectly the new order of women bodybuilders are Jackie Little and Moreen Dunn. Both train at Dunfermline Health Studio — a predominantly male weight training gym in Fife. They are well aware of how other people view them: Moreen, slight, blonde, and feminine laughed from her squat position, weight bar straddling her shoulders and said: "They think you must be a bit odd, and always imagine you as muscle from head to foot like the men."

For the past eight months, talked into it by her husband Mark, who also trains at the gym, Moreen has trained with weights for two hours each night, usually five nights a week. Jackie is even more committed and prior to competitions puts in about three hours, seven nights a week. During the day she works as a line operator for Marconi in Dalgety Bay, and afterwards travels up to Dunfermline to train.

Like Moreen she was lured to the gym on the grounds of "if you can't beat him, join him." Her boyfriend at the time was a keen bodybuilder and initially they trained together. "As his interest in weight-training waned, I became really keen," said Jackie, who has held the Miss Scotland title. She is 18 and has *trained seriously* and hard for two years.

"I certainly wouldn't give it up for any man now," she *says resolutely. Moreen nod*ded agreement.

The aim is to hone their figures, shedding fat and hardening the muscles. The reason — to achieve what the judges deem to be the ideal female figure. As with the men, however, this ideal changes with fashion: at the moment muscle is in, figure a close second and fat (as always) definitely out.



BODY-LANGUAGE: Jackie Little on stage

FIRSTS AND SECONDS OUT: prize winners in the contests

BACK UP: final adjustments backstage

At the moment, anyone who is prohibited from marrying has to make public their private details in order to obtain permission to apply for exemption through a Private Bill. Linda Avery looks at the need for reform

When marriage is forbidden by law

DURING the past few months two cases concerning "forbidden marriage" applications have been considered by the House of Lords.

Under Common Law, certain people are forbidden to marry each other because their relationship falls within the prohibited degrees either for reasons of consanguinity (blood ties) or affinity (related by marriage). Since 1979 three couples, barred by the laws of affinity, have succeeded in obtaining Private Marriage (Enabling) Bills. Two couples were stepfathers and step-daughters; the other a step-mother wanting *to marry her step-son.*

Few would argue against the law relating to consanguinity. While at one time it *was thought* that mating by close kin could quite easily produce highly talented, supremely intelligent and perfectly *healthy* offspring, modern scientific evidence shows that, in the majority of cases, such inbreeding is *likely to have unfortunate* results in that the children are usually mentally or physically handicapped, or both.

Not so with affines — those related by marriage. During the 1950s the British Medical Association gave evidence to *the Norton Commission to* the effect that there could be no biological objection to marriage between any affinities since they were *not blood* related.

Historically the rationale for prohibition degrees between affines comes from the Old Testament Book of Leviticus. If a man married a woman they became as one flesh so that relationship by marriage was equivalent to relationship by blood. This remained strictly part of ecclesiastical law until 1540 when it was incorporated into statute law. Successive Law Commission reports have argued that the public view would not tolerate a relaxation of the rules — though certain changes have been made since the 16th century. Those changes which have been made have usually been prompted either *by a widower's need to look* among his extended family for a substitute mother for his children, or by a widowed *woman's perceived need to* find some source of financial support — so as to avoid any responsibility falling to pub*lic funds.*

One solution to reform might be to bar marriage within the immediate family; that is between direct ascendants, descendants, brothers and sisters, and place all other relatives in an outer category (uncles, aunts, first cousins, in-laws, etc). Reform within the latter category would be limited to permitting such marriages once a court had granted leave.

It has been suggested that all prohibitions based on affinity should be abolished. This would complete the limited reforms which have taken place in English law this century and would follow the pattern set by Australia in 1975. The question was considered in a debate in the House of Lords in 1979. Speaking against such pro*posals the Earl of* Lauderdale argued that Britain was becoming a neurotic and violent society and this, in part, could be attributed to the dissipation of family life.

In the end the bill proposing the changes fell on the dissolution of Parliament in April 1979. It was reintroduced but was defeated on the second reading.

Presumably the Earl felt that removal of the laws of affinity would compound the dissolution of family life and lead to a further breakdown in society. Of course social policy does have some part to play in such questions. After all, if a man can look at his sister-in-law as a potential marriage partner, couldn't *this* lead to a breakdown of his current marriage? Don't prohibited degrees of marriage deter disturbing sexual *relationships from develop*ing within the family circle? Fine in theory.

The criminal law does not *prohibit sex* between those who are not direct ascendants or descendants so that, although a man cannot marry his sister-in-law, he can consider her as a potential lover. Further, as reports of incestuous relationships come more and more into the public eye, it becomes clear that neither prohibited degrees rules nor — more importantly — criminal offences acts, operate as efficient deterrents to sexual relationships developing between close family members.

Perhaps the best solution would be that adopted in New Zealand. There, marriage between people within the prohibited degrees are permitted provided the relationship is one of affinity and the consent of the court is first obtained. The court must be satisfied that neither of *the couple had, by their con*duct, contributed to the ending of any previous marriage of the other party; there must *be no factor which would ren*der the union abhorrent (for example, where a relation*ship exists by virtue of adop*tion and the "parent" might exert undue influence on the "child") and that neither party has any ulterior motive (such as financial gain) for wanting the marriage to take place.

That some reform is necessary is becoming increasingly clear. In the meantime couples in this situation are required to air their private details and feelings in public and to pay in excess of £1,000 to go through the costly process of obtaining a Private Marriage (Enabling) Act.

Earlier this month, Depo-Provera, the contraceptive, was licensed for long term use in Britain. Controversy continues. But in Glasgow, it has been used regularly for 13 years. Ruth Wishart reports.

The injection of confidence

OVER the years the women have come to ask for it simply as "the jag." And now one-third of the 3,000 women in Britain's largest domiciliary family planning programme are given the injectable contraceptive *Depo-Provera* every three months.

This controversial drug, still not used in America, was *finally licensed for long-term* use in Britain this month. But the women patients in the Greater Glasgow Health Board Area *have been using* it regularly for 13 years. It has been made available to them because one woman, Dr *Elisabeth Wilson, in effect* decided on a unilateral declaration of medical independence. Dr Wilson, who is *responsible for coordinating* the contraceptive service to some 130,000 patients, first saw Depo used in a Hong Kong clinic many of whose problems were similar to her own.

She investigated it further, examined its use in third world centres, and concluded that for certain patients in certain circumstances it would be *a valuable addition* to her contraceptive arsenal. The city's two senior gynaecologists concurred.

Most of the women who take it have a range of social difficulties. Some have serious health problems as a result of having too many babies too soon. Some are married to men who will not *allow them to use the pill* or the coil and for whom "the jag" allows independent surreptitious freedom of choice.

"*And frankly many simply* have a lifestyle which seems to make it impossible for them to remember to take the *pill,*" says Dr Wilson. "You give them a pack of pills and when you go back and examine it, it looks like a drunken woodpecker's breakfast with random holes punched. Or else they've forgotten for a while, and they've downed a *handful at once.*"

There are other, more distressing cases. Handicapped or retarded youngsters whose *parents are terrified* they will be at risk, but who want to give their already disadvantaged children the maximum possible physical freedom.

Because of her conviction that there was a role for Depo-Provera within these areas, Dr Wilson has not only introduced its large scale use to her own patch, but has gone south as an unpaid evangelist for its advantages. As a result there are some smaller scale operations in *England and now, with the* granting of the licence, it will undoubtedly be stocked by many more clinics.

Upjohn, the manufacturers, first sought a long term licence in 1980 and it was *considered at various meet*ings by the Committee of Safety in Medicines. The CSM *finally recommended in* Upjohn's favour adding the rider that "it is for use only in women for whom other contraceptives are contra-in*dicated, or have caused* unacceptable side effects, or are otherwise unsatisfactory."

Unusually, their views were ignored by the Licensing Authority who decided that the risks outweighed the *benefits.*

Upjohn then appealed under Section 21 of the Medicines Act which allows com*panies to make their case* again before a specially appointed panel.

It was the first time such a procedure had been invoked in Britain and the panel quickly observed some wrinkles in the system. The most crucial was that evidence was only to be presented by company's witnesses and not given by other interested and *perhaps hostile parties. In* fact the committee finally accepted written evidence from other sources. And lat*terly they concluded that* Depo-Provera "offers an alternative and highly effective method of contraception and its mode of administration would make it uniquely suitable for some women. The evidence at present does not support suggestions of major or life-threatening risks to women using the drug."

They underlined, however, the problematical side effects which had been noted in use. These include bleeding, loss *of periods, and a gap of as* much as a year before normal fertility returns after the patient comes off the drug.

The announcement last week of the long term licence brought fresh howls of protests from those groups whose hostility to Depo is just as intense as Dr Wilson's enthusiasm.

To some extent the specifics of the debate depend on geography. In America protest groups suggested it was being used by white doctors to keep black women infertile.

In London it was claimed that immigrant women were being injected without properly informed consent, or full understanding of the implications.

And in areas like Greater Glasgow the argument was that families were being regulated by the super-imposition of contraception whether or not it had been requested.

There was concern too over possible cancer risks. Originally the World Health Organisation had reported that "clinical evidence from more than 15 years of use as a contraceptive shows no additional and possibly fewer adverse effects than are found with other hormonal methods." But last November some people involved in a WHO funded collaborative multi-centre trial involving 8,000 women reported that the rate of cervical cancer in those using Depo longer than five years had doubled, though they added that this may be due to other factors and no causal link had been established.

Oddly, the same report also shows a trend to smaller *numbers of breast cancer in* long term use but as yet the evidence is inconclusive. For pioneers like Dr Wilson the *argument is that the question* mark against Depo is no greater than that which has hovered over the pill for 20 years, and "*I feel that if there* is a risk it is so small that it is impossible to define."

Dr Wilson, who appeared as a volunteer witness before the panel examining Depo, is a woman not easily ruffled by controversy. A middle-aged widow and mother of six she is a fully paid up realist who once, on discovering that her *local Family Planning Clinic* in Yorkshire would not accept women who were not married or within three months of matrimony, promptly opened up a rival operation for single patients.

Like the Brook clinic which followed it, the 408 Centre operated on the principle that just because young women were refused contraception there was no particular likelihood of their giving up sex in favour of early Italian literature. *And when the* local paper ran a headline exclaiming "Bishop Condemns Sex Clinic," Dr Wilson was unfazed, remarking to colleagues that much money could now be saved on the advertising budget.

Her credibility problems in those early days in Sheffield had rather more to do with fecundity than philosophy. She once had three of her own children simultaneously in nappies, and those women *who visited her clinic only* at six monthly intervals for diaphragms kept finding her pregnant.

"It was just a *little* embarrassing, I admit. I remember one wee woman looking me up and down and saying: "Eeeh loov, your 'usband moost be raht voracious.'"

Today, with fairly massive administrative responsibilities, she still insists on retaining a portion of clinical work and she operates from choice in those areas of Glasgow where even the buses prefer to travel in pairs. And it is in those areas where most of her Depo Provera patients live.

"They get to hear about it from friends or sisters or cousins and actually ask for 'the jag' when I come. And we never visit a home which hasn't asked us to come so *there is absolutely no ques*tion of our pressing Depo on them. Over the years we must have given it to between *three and four thousand* women and they appear to be satisfied customers. Neither do we hide any of the likely side effects.

"I think there are three main things it's important to mention. We must tell them that periods will become irregular and may disappear, we must say that the appetite will increase and they may put on weight, and we must tell them that it may be eight to twelve months before they *are likely to conceive again* when they come off."

Now that Depo-Provera has its new licence, information packs have been sent to doctors which include the warning "a few cases of breast cancer have been reported in women taking Depo Provera, but no causal relationship has been established." The *packs include information* leaflets, too, for every patient, who must be given one before treatment begins

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WAR POETRY usually implies poetry written at the front and therefore the stock response to the term "women war poets" is: Were there any? But back in Blighty during both wars women were writing poetry, *much of it* about the effect the war was having on their lives and about their experiences in *the Services. Chaos of the* Night Selected by Catherine Reilly (Virago, £3.95) is an anthology of poems written by *women during the Second* World War, a companion volume to Scars Upon My Heart, a First World War anthology.

With 87 contributors the collection is bound to be uneven. Better known names in*clude: Stevie Smith, Edith* Sitwell, Naomi Mitcheson, Joyce Grenfell, Sarah Churchill — not all of whom are *best known as poets. Some of* the poems, like Anne Ridler's fine love poem, Before Sleep, have no obvious connection *with the war. The most effec*tive poems are those that are specific about the practical aspects of war. Lois Clark's *Picture From The Blitz* is a vivid account of rescuing an old woman from her bombed home:

They have taken the stretchers
off my car
and I am running
under the patterning flak
over a mangled garden,
treading on something soft
and fighting the rising nausea
— only a far-flung cushion,
bleeding feathers.

Francis Cornford's From A Letter To America On A Visit To Sussex: Spring 1942 is also splendid:

A little further by those twisted
trees
(As if it rose on humped prepos
terous seas
Out of a Book of Hours) up a
bank
Like a large dragon, purposeful
though drunk,
Heavily lolloped, swayed and
sunk,
A tank.

The accumulative effect of these poems, many of them written by women who lost husbands, sons, lovers, in the war, is deeply moving.

Unlike Frances Cornford's Fat White Woman Whom Nobody Loves, Grace Nichols' Fat Black Woman is eminently loveable. The motto on her bedroom door reads: "*It is better to die in the flesh of hope. Than to live in the slimness of despair*"; she indulges in bubble baths, *composes black poems* and only asks small questions: "will I like Eve/be tempted once again/if I survive?" *When she goes shopping she* laments that when it comes to fashion! "the choice is lean/ Nothing, much beyond size 14."

Ms Nichols has a gift for encapsulating character in a few deft off-the-cuff lines, in addition to the Fat Black Woman, she gives us, among others, her mother "feeding the proverbial/multitude (us)/ on less than a loaf/and two fishes" and the "Shanking Englishman Between Trains":

Met him at Birmingham
Station
small yellow hair Englishman
hi fi stereo swinging in one
hand
walking in rhythm to reggae
sound/Man
he was alive
he was full-o-jive
said he had a lovely
Jamaican wife

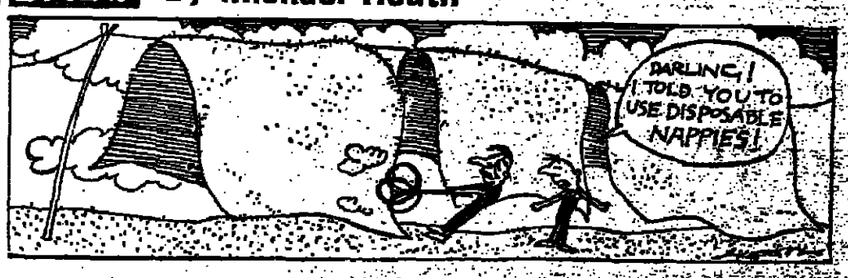
My only complaint with The Fat Black Woman's Poems by Grace Nichols (Virago, £2.95) is that it's far too slim.

Embedded in Nicki Jackowska's Letters to Superman (Rivelin Grapheme Press, £3.45) are references to familiar cults, events, people — Superman, Frankenstein, Animal Farm, Hiroshima, the Reagans; her preoccupations are not obscure but her use of syntax and imagery often is, particularly in her treatment of personal themes — sex, love, disillusionment. The Knot Garden group of poems are the most accessible: "love between us like a blade/like grass on the run." As a sample of some of the difficulties presented by the earlier poems in the collection take this couplet from Occupational Hazards: "Each time I clean the sink of fingerprints, I am a blood donor, blueprint for the pale fish." The overtly political poems are far less recondite and therefore more satisfying, particularly Lebanon. "They're lizard-slipping over the scrub, an insect sight/reduced to what the gun allows, a little light."

Ms Jackowska is a prolific poet (she is also a novelist) and this third collection of her poems demonstrates her intellectual passion and verbal power. But her poems are deterringly "difficult" and in many cases their meaning remains stubbornly buried under a wealth of private imagery and symbolism.

Deborah Singmaster

BABY By Michael Heath



How Europe learned to love Duras

Richard Roud reports from Berlin on the unexpected triumphs of a French writer and film director

Duras : two prizes

THIS is not the first time that the French writer and film-maker, Marguerite Duras, has had a film in competition at a major festival — Le Camion (The Truck) was shown at Cannes in 1977. But she scored a first yesterday at Berlin by winning a prize for the best script for her new film, The Children.

The movie, which was well received by both the press and the public, was adapted by her from Ernesto, a book she wrote many years ago for children.

It is the story of a seven-year-old boy (played to astonishing effect by an actor who looks 30 if he is a day), who comes home after his first day at school to announce that he doesn't want to go to school any more because all they teach him are things he doesn't know.

At first his parents think they have misunderstood him; the school's principal is bewildered; and soon his case has become a cause celebre throughout France. Finally a reporter comes to try to find out what the boy could possibly mean by saying that he doesn't want to learn anything he doesn't already know.

There's not much more than that to the storyline, and we never get to understand what it was Ernesto meant by his cryptic remark. But the point of this conversation piece lies elsewhere.

It may be intended as a satire on education, but it is also an exercise in film-making — and Duras does manage to hold an audience with very little. She achieves this by excellent direction of actors: it's all played straight and the parents initially react to their 6ft tall seven-year-old with bewilderment. But slowly, as the outside world starts getting involved, they become as illogical (or as logical) as the boy and start to defend him.

Duras has stated that her film is for both adults and children but that probably children will understand it better than adults. Maybe so. It's not my favourite among her films, but the reaction in Berlin was very good.

It has been quite a year for Duras. Many people in France were delighted when, at the age of 70 she finally won a Prix Goncourt, the most prestigious literary prize in France, for her novel L'Amant (The Lover).

Duras is not unknown in France; nor is she in Britain. But she has never had such a commercial success before — not even with her first big hit, Barrage Contre le Pacifique (A Sea Of Troubles) published in 1953. And I dare say her avant-garde publisher, Les Edions de Minuit, has never sold so many copies of any of its books (with the possible exception of Beckett's Waiting For Godot.)

The sales began long before the Prix Goncourt was announced in October. People were seen reading Duras on the way to work on the Metro, something never seen before. The brisk sales were only intensified by the prize — the 600,000 mark has long been passed, and the book is still top of the best seller list after nearly four months. But why?

The subject matter of the book, as of many of her works, is her youth in French Indo-China. This story has been told many times by her, in many different versions. This time, however, she has told us something new — her first sexual affair as a 15-year-old girl with a wealthy young Chinese who loves her desperately, but who cannot marry her because his family would disapprove even more than hers.

But one must be very careful with Duras. Some critics (including J.G. Weightman in The Observer) maintained that this is not a proper novel at all, but rather a slice of autobiography, and therefore ineligible for a fiction prize.

Maybe, but when Duras was interviewed on the French TV literary programme, Apostrophes, and was asked about her mother's job playing the piano for silent films, as we saw in her play Eden Cinema, Duras shrugged her shoulders and said that her mother had never played in a cinema — it was a friend of her mother's — and that she had, like most novelists, simply conflated two characters.

So this seductive young Chinese may never have existed, or might have been the lover of a girlfriend, or perhaps was someone she had simply hoped would seduce her. On the other hand, she did tell me that the idea for the book came when she was unable to find a photograph of her Chinaman.

Be that as it may, the love scenes in the book ring true, and have no doubt contributed to the success of the book with the general public. In L'Amant she has also simplified her narrative style, and the book is short — only 142 smallish pages.

Mme Duras wrote it after her (third) cure for alcoholism. She is, she said, an alcoholic, and had been told that if she didn't lay off the red wine, she would die. Each time she believed them, but sooner or later she back-slid. Now, she says, she never will again.

Was it this experience of a life-saving cure that got her to dredge out of her memory this never-before-told tale of her first lover (if, indeed, it is a true story)? Has she reached a stage in her life when she really wants to comunicate with a larger audience?

She says not. In fact, she told me that she was genuinely surprised at the success of the book and, at the same time, not surprised at all. After so many years she always hopes for success but never expects it.

Tomorrow, Derek Malcolm reports on the last week of the Berlin Film Festival.

Edward Greenfield on the compact disc's advance in the hi-fi battle

Turning point

THE idea of starting a record collection for a fourth time was too much, said my friend. First 78s, then LPs, then stereo with cassettes increasingly important. That had been the pattern of his home music on record, and nearing retiring age, he jibbed at beginning again on CD.

My first point was that no one need get rid of LPs on buying a CD player. Just as cassettes have their place in the system alongside LPs, so do CDs, simply adding another box on to the hi-fi pile. The only warning to give is that once a collector has invested in CD, the record companies' researches show clearly that he is ever after unwilling to buy LPs.

The extra quality of sound (not least the absence of surface noise), the extra reliability and the extra convenience tend to work on anyone's innate laziness. The CDs are the records likely to be pulled out first from the pile, but that is still a long way from saying that anyone needs to get rid of precious LP.S.

The complete turnover of the record industry from LP to CD is a long way off yet, but it may be sooner in the classical world than some have predicted, for already at least one small company, is phasing out the issue of new LPs in favour of CDs, and the remarkable American company, TelArc, which has made a speciality of its brilliant hi-fi engineering already finds that sales of CDs are outstripping those of LP equivalents.

It is interesting too that Christopher Hogwood's record of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons with the Academy of Ancient Music (CD Oiseau-Lyre 410 126-2) which recently won the classical nomination in the pop-orientated British Record Industry Awards, has sold more in its CD format than in LP and cassettes put together.

What regularly surprises me is that in CD transfers it is often not the most modern digital recording which comes out best but a far older analogue original well-transferred. The clarification and refining of CD consistently has one registering points of engineering that on LP are hazed over, something which works in both directions.

When I sampled a group of four CDs from EMV of Itzhak Perlman playing a wide range of violin concertos, it was striking that the earlier ones — a scintillating coupling of the Paganini First Concerto with Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy (CDC 7 47101-2) and of the two Wieniawski concertos (CDC 7 47107-2) both recorded in the early seventies — were far more realistic than more recent Perlman recordings of Tchaikovsky and Bach on CD.

It is partly that Perlman increasingly insists on having the violin spotlit to the point where it becomes distracting. Certainly his EMV Wieniawski performance is preferable to his recent account of the Second Concerto for DG, where the sparkle of the playing is made less engaging by the aggressiveness of the soloist's sound.

Connoisseurs of sound quality have long recognised that the Sixties and early Seventies were vintage, and it is good to find this reflected in CD versions. One trouble nowadays is that the engineers are under more pressure than before not to hold up expensive sessions. When digital recording exposes precise balances so cruelly, and conductors often prefer to work in difficult venues (Karajan in the Philharmonie in Berlin notoriously so), it is not surprising that the results are so variable.

So Karajan's digital recording of Puccini's Turandot recorded in the Philharmonie (DG 410 096-2 three CDs) is bright and bold enough, but with microphones homing in on different voices and instruments, one gets no clear picture of the place where the performance is taking place. Contrast that with the latest CD transfer of the Decca recording of that opera made in Kingsway Hall in August 1972 with Zubin Mehta conducting the LPO. With a superb cast headed by Joan Sutherland, Montserrat Caballe and Luciano Pavarotti, the extra realism and clarity are startling (414 274-2 two CDs).

The placing of each sound is so firm and so natural that the result is more reolistically three-dimensional. As for the performance it is one of Mehta's most vital with Sutherland a more vulnerable, less icy Turandot than usual and no less convincing for that. As a final advantage the Decca set is complete on CDs instead of three, making it virtually the same price as the LP equivalent.

CONCERT DATES

Barshai/Bournemouth Symphony/Larrocha, Festival Hall tonight 7.30. The Bournemouth and their principal conductor in Mozart (the B flat Piano Concerto) and Mahler (Symphony 4 with Sheila Armstrong in the child-heaven finale).

Rattle/Philharmonia / Shumsky, Festival Hall tomorrow 7.30. Kyung-Wha is ill, but as perfect substitute for the Beethoven Violin Concerto the veteran Oscar Shumsky, now a cult figure, makes his Festival Hall debut. Also L'evantail de Jeanne, written jointly by Ravel, Milhaud and Poulenc.

Tate/LSO/Bolet, Barbican tomorrow 7.45. Bolet, another supreme virtuoso long neglected, here tackles the Brahms Second Piano Concerto. Also Schubert's Great C major Symphony tests even the rising conducting star, Jeffrey Tate.

George Malcolm, Wigmore, Friday 7.30. Malcolm as harpsichordist played a unique part in the baroque revival here. This is a rare appearance for Handel's tercentenary, with a selection of Handel leading to the Harmonious Blacksmith variations.

Gerard Souzay, Wigmore, Tuesday 7.30, accompanied by Robin Bowman, tackles not just the German repertory (Beethoven, Brahms, Strauss) but Ravel and Rachmaninov.

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Inside Out

SOME serials are like bird watching though not, I'm happy to say, many. Maelstrom (BBC-1), for instance — you go off for the day with sandwiches and flask and a pair of binoculars to search the Norwegian landscape on the offchance that somewhere on it, something is actually happening. All you can see is why they call it a mystery.

Over on BBC-2, ten minutes after Maelstrom finishes, you can watch Inside Out. Simon Moore's six parter about a couple of girls who leave gaol and start an employment agency for other ex-prisoners. It is not a bit like bird watching. Last week you would have ended biting your fingers instead of your sandwich. Carla, the moving spirit of the agency (Lou Wakefield) had taken on an almost impossible task for the team, providing a wedding reception for 140 snooty guests (relatives of her probation officer) at only two days notice, starting from scratch.

The tension came not from any one big disaster but from the kind of thing you can expect when you have nothing behind you but your criminal record, and you try to take on the straight world on its own commercial terms. Like the nervy, disturbed black girl (Valerie Buchanan) suspected of shoplifting when she goes to the supermarket for the last minute wedding food — a delay that nearly sinks the enterprise. What hurts more is that later Carla herself suspects her of trying to pocket one of the wedding presents.

It's Moore's first work for television, and it is a good sign that he can shift and develop relationships so far in a way that seems right and inevitable. In last night's episode, unfortunately, he ran wild, pairing gay copper with gay ex-con after the copper comes to spy on one of the agency members, and has a probation officer doped up on a joint provided by Carla's boy friend's masseuse.

But till sheer silliness took over, because, probably, the 50 minute slot was too long for the content, there was still more sustenance in it than in the first three episodes of Maelstrom put together. I just hope the rest of the Inside Out episodes are more like the first two than like last night's.

Under the silliness, grains of truth lay about like peas under the mattress: the odd mutual fascination between criminals and law enforcers. But that's not quite enough, because at what it has shown can be it's best, this series has more than that to offer.

COVENT GARDEN

Alastair Macaulay

Ballet Imperial

BALLET Imperial may be the choreography, but Ballet Suburban is the dancing. Balanchine's brilliant 1941 essay in dance's grandest manner was first presented by the Royal Ballet in 1950 under the choreographer's supervision and maintained an honourable performance record until the early '70s. The Berman designs made for the Royal, like Doboujinsky's original for Balanchine's American Ballet, evoked the noble grandeurs of St Petersburg.

Though designs and choreography saw several changes, the most drastic came in 1973. Balanchine changed the title ("Nobody knows what 'Imperial' is any more") to that of the music, Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 2—and took female dancers out of tutus into short, simple shifts. In New York the work bloomed, as some sublime New York City Ballet performances here showed in 1983 after the choreographer's death. But the Royal Ballet soon dropped the work.

Until last night. Old title revived, ballet restaged, tutus restored. But the ballet is dead. Christopher Le Brun's new designs help to despatch it. Costumes are foolish, with fatuously plumed headwear and fiddly coloured insignia on the women's bodices. The backdrop — forget Mother Russia — is a blurry and drab vision of the Arc de Triomphe with a mass of flag limply draped in front. What is this? A wet afternoon tea-break from a League of Nations meeting in Paris?

Balanchine's ballets live in the style beyond the steps. The Royal dancers simply don't have the technique to get through the steps decently — later casts may improve. There's every sign that the style would still elude them if they could manage the speedy bravura. Impetus, percussive rhythm, amplitude, attack, cool absortion are missing.

Instead? A farrago of exaggerated facial expressions, all genteel and none convincing. Balanchine's ballet is not a nostalgia-trip to days of better living, but an honouring of an old tradition by presenting it in intensified, clarified form. The Royal's version is only imperial in the way mints are.

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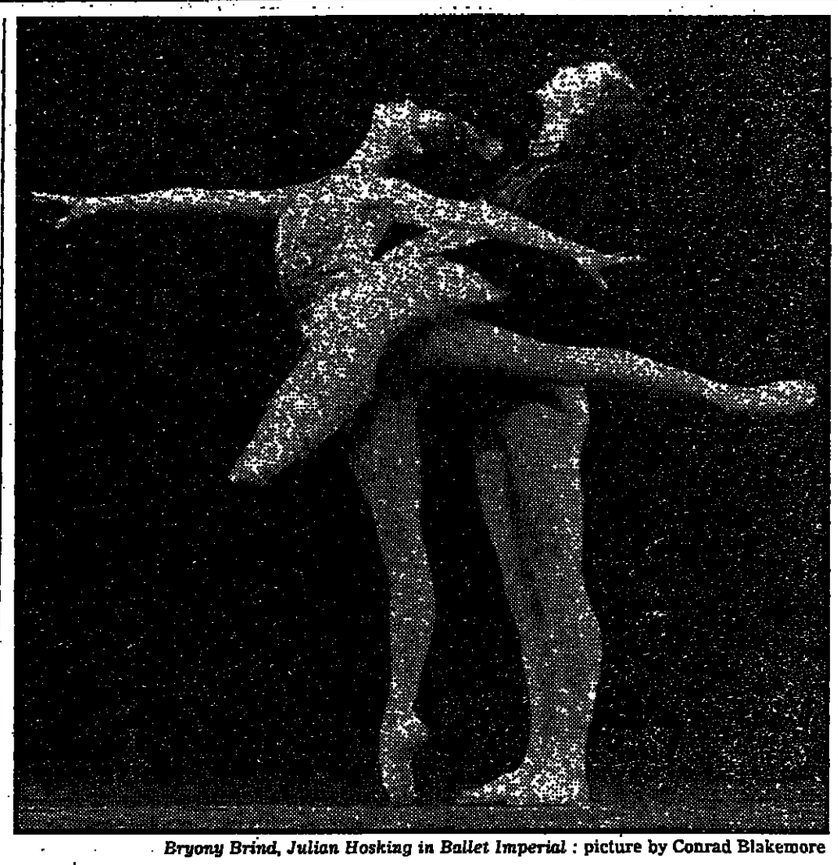

Bryony Brind, Julian Hosking in Ballet Imperial : picture by Conrad Blakemore

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HAMMERSMITH

Mick Brown

Leonard Cohen

FOR WHAT are undoubtedly all the wrong reasons, one has come to approach Leonard Cohen with suspicion. The air of long-suffering torture one associates with his records — his in making them, mine on hearing them — seems to have become exaggerated in the memory by the passage of time. Scepticism has set in, and he has become fixed in the mind as a prophet of doom — an intellectual reading Donne on an Aegean beach, warmed by the longing glances of sylph-like literary undergrads, somewhat too aware of his erudition, his noble, ravaged profile, the fatal sadness of his gaze. Some racket.

But this, it transpires, is slander. Revisited, Cohen's most familiar songs reveal forgotten charms; the literacy of his writing reminds you how illiterate most of his peers are by comparison; his own laconic, understated charisma, and the extraordinary sense of ease and familiarity he breeds in his audience — all elevate a concert to an occasion, and make you think that there is much to be said for luxuriating in melancholia after all.

This was a performance of taste and discretion. The sound of Cohen's 5-piece band is rich and meticulous; plangent guitars and keyboards woven together like a hushed symphony of tweeds and worsteds. His older songs have acquired peculiar characteristics: That's No Way To Say Goodbye, once standard North American late-Sixties Accoustic Introspection School, now sounds like a 19th century piece for balalaika. His newer material exaggerates the air of Slavic melancholia — a mite too much for comfort on some occasions.

But, of course, Cohen's audience do not come first and foremost for pretty melodies so much as for the emotional resonances afforded by his words, and the air of stoical, lugubrious resignation with which he delivers them.

Cohen's narratives have a literacy which is always pleasing, but at their best it is what they intimate rather than what they say which counts. So, Who By Fire, litany on different ways of death, carries between the lines a multitude of nuances on ways of life; while The Night Comes On turns a series of vignettes of childhood fears and adult loss into a much larger contemplation on the fragile thread of existence.

The resonances of Cohen's performance linger long after the standing ovation has finished. He has earned his beach towel.

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DOMINION

Robin Denselow

The Stranglers

IN THE darkness, a voice announced "the musicians of our time are harlots and charlatans . . . we are witnessing the demise of music," and suggested an answer in "Aural Sculpture," the title of the latest Stranglers album. Was this silly bragging, a dead-pan spoof, or a bit of both?

Before one could decide, a flashing strobe light revealed a stage bordered with screens, with instruments almost hidden behind white sheets. The band themselves were fronted by a tough and athletic-looking bass player and guitarist wearing the latest in high-tech microphones around their necks, while their song was the pounding punk anthem Something Better Change.

The Stranglers have never fitted easily into any musical category. When they started, in the punk era, they stood out from all the guitar-thrash bands for their use of keyboards and echoes of American Sixties styles. With their second bout of popularity in the Eighties, they have switched to far less angry, more gentle and even pretty ballads. But at the Dominion, where they are giving five shows this week they proved they have certainly not drifted off into easy listening.

The best of their songs achieved an odd blend of the jaunty and doomy, or the pretty and the gently unsettling, with Hugh Cornwell's deep croon matched against Dave Greenfield's taut keyboard work, and a pounding rhythm section driven along by Jean Jacques Burnel's bass.

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Entertaining Mr Sloane

IT IS a common place of biology that living creatures compete for territory, for dominance, and for sexual partners. We, as animals, fight these battles ourselves.

So why do we find Joe Orton's world, which (like Pinter's) shows these struggles going on in all their nakedness, so funny? His world-view is brutally reductionist: he hates people. None of his characters has any flicker of altruism, or what we had been taught to think of as normal decency.

Entertaining Mr Sloane was his first play. In it, a young thug boots an old man to death. Here is a tragic pattern, a father's murder; but Orton subverts. Instead of behaving like Electra or Hamlet, the old chap's son and daughter appropriate his murderer for their own purposes, blackmailing him into sexual slavery

Do we laugh because we find his horrible vision true? I believe we laugh because of Orton's unerring ear for a particular kind of demotic speech which has uncomfortably assimilated the jargons of official discourses.

In Ted Craig's production for the Cambridge Theatre Company at the Arts Theatre, Michael Pavelka's set ingeniously underscores the play's gothic elements by giving Kath's garish claustrophobic living room a mock-ecclesiastical arts-deco foundation.

The outstanding performance in a beautifully paced and admirably played version is Peter Adamson's. His Ed is more tentative and vulnerable, less brimful of dominating confidence, than the part is often played.

But there is an ominous edge to his scenes of verbal fencing with Christopher Fulford's Sloane, who effectively alternates manipulating prettyboy and sinister psychopath.

CAMBRIDGE

William Davies

St Matthew Passion

THIS was the second major event in the enterprising Cambridge Bach-Handel Festival, which runs on and off until March 21. Scarlatti Schutz and Tallis are commemorated too, but in this first packed week Handel's Israel In Egypt and the two Bach Passions are properly dominant, the St. Matthew assigned on Monday night to the forces of the venerable University Bach Society.

The work had been carefully prepared in German, but with a mere five-minute break from the hard seats of King's Chapel at least one vision was conjured of the boxed set by the cosy fireside. Certainly something of the work's normally engaging architecture was missing.

The unruly acoustic may also have been the culprit in lapses of ensemble, though not presumably for conductor Richard Egarr's frequently erratic beat. By contrast, detail was excellent, above all in instrumental solos and the finely balanced student choir.

Leading a young team of professional soloists, Charles Daniels's Evangelist gathered strength and brilliance as the performance quickened. Linda Strachan shaped the alto arias richly, with her fellow Scot Lorna Anderson scarcely less remarkable in the difficult Aus Liebe.

Andrew King and Gerald Finley in the less grateful tenor and bass arias completed the team with an easy but rather small scale fluency that was characteristic of the whole performance.

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The next move is Sir Keith's

Before another industrial dispute is railroaded into trivial personalisation, let's look at some facts about the teachers' pay claim. This is not, in spite of the best efforts of some headline writers, Glenys Kinnock's strike. It is a dispute about public sector pay, under a government which has committed itself to holding the line in the state sector while those in work in the private sector are allowed a relatively free hand. Over the past six years, the Government has deliberately destroyed what it sees as the morally tarnished and inflation stoking paraphernalia of comparability, built in arbitration, Clegg settlements and the rest. While the memory of the public sector disputes with the Callaghan government was fresh in the mind, the strategy was popular. But a pay policy which masquerades as no pay policy at all, while actually holding down selectively on public sector wages to reduce government spending and inflation was bound to run into difficulties eventually. 1985 looks increasingly like being that year.

Given the teaching unions' lack of industrial muscle the chances of the NUT and its fellow unions overturning the guidelines look extremely remote. Nevertheless, the teachers have a very powerful grievance. It is representative of the plight of other public sector workforces. And, whatever the outcome of this year's education pay dispute, these chickens are within sight of coming home to roost. In the ten years from April 1974, teachers' average pay increased by 217 per cent. In the same period, inflation rose by 230 per cent and the average take home in comparable professions went up by 287 per cent. Although Mrs Thatcher told the Commons yesterday that teachers' pay has kept pace with inflation since her Government came to power in 1979, their last four pay rises have all been just on or well below the retail price index, and all have fallen well short of average increases in non-manual earnings in the same period. As a result, Britain's teachers are now a relatively poorly paid group of workers, even by some public sector standards. This is obviously bad news for teachers, but it is also bad news for education policy makers and for the profession's recruitment competitiveness.

What are the teachers supposed to do in these circumstances? The Government's view is that they must grin, bear it and even, like Orwell's Boxer, work still harder. Mrs Thatcher yesterday ruled out any form of independent inquiry. This undervaluation, financial and political, of teachers serves nobody's interest. That is why the best solution to the teachers' pay question has always seemed to lie in some form of linkage between improved pay and the very necessary restructuring of teachers' contracts, including some form of in-service assessment. But that option has, for the moment, gone down the plughole. This is partly because the NUT has continued, wrongly, to oppose it. But it is also because of the extraordinary statements last week by the Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph. Until last Tuesday, a linkage deal which would have given the teachers an extra 7 per cent on top of the employers' current 4 per cent offer in return for new contracts had seemed still in the frame. But Sir Keith told MPs last week that there was "no prospect whatsoever" of a further 7 per cent being available, though he seemed to leave the door ajar on a linkage arrangement. Sir Keith's new hard line was directly responsible for the new phase of hostilities which began with yesterday's selective strikes. And it is equally his responsibility to get this dispute out of the trenches.

When truth is a fringe issue

"It is clear in Whitehall," wrote our Political Editor yesterday, using the time-honoured terminology of his profession, "that the Government intends to dismiss the row as a matter of interest only to limited groups like readers of the Guardian and the Observer." Well, there is no answer to that. Two former employees of MI5—taking their courage in both hands—help film a television programme. Naming names and specific incidents and specific dates, they reveal telephone tapping and infiltration of unions, civil liberties' groups and political campaigns quite beyond anything ever admitted before—and quite beyond the guidelines covering such operations. The picture, yet again, is of a secret service and Special Branch outside effective ministerial control. And then, suddenly, a damp blanket of cotton wool descends. Some of these taps—for instance, of the key shop stewards convener at the Ford Motor Company—took place under a Labour Government. The then Home Secretary says he knew nothing about it. Instantly one finds two great parties with reason to tread carefully. But, equally instantly (as Mr Gerald Kaufman pungently points out) there is a common interest in establishing the truth. If ministers were not told what was happening, then the case for more effective political control of MI5 makes itself.

Meanwhile, alas, the cotton wool spreads soggily. One of the ex-MI5 ladies, it is said, was sent to see a psychiatrist when she protested about the dirty and illicit tricks she was being asked to perform. The fact that she continued at work thereafter is somehow not considered relevant. She has seamlessly become, in Whitehallspeak, a kind of unperson, not worth flinging the might of Section Two against. (Whilst the other lady in the case is somehow, curiously, not questioned any longer.) With any luck, old boy, this will soon go away. Civil liberties are not much of an issue. No case for emergency debate. No case for anything but sitting tight and keeping your head down. Already this month Parliament (with the whips on) has decided that it doesn't much mind being lied to. Now ministers—for fear of fuss and embarrassment—are quietly deciding that they don't much mind being lied to either. That may, on one world-weary reckoning, be the effete, tawdry way our political system now functions. But it is still a pretty stomach turning conclusion. Is lying suddenly a "minority issue"?

If it's over, say so

To Arthur Scargill, this week's unprecedented return to work by his members was a flop and an occasion for "disappointment" in Coal Board headquarters. To the more rational men of the world in Congress House, with whom Mr Scargill has been closeted since Monday, it was one further indication that the strike (as a serious industrial phenomenon rather than an ugly, festering sore on the body politic) is drawing to a painful close. Indeed the question for betting men when the TUC general council gathers today will be whether the magic, fifty-per-cent-at-work figure is reached before or after the first anniversary of the strike, early next month. Beyond that, the general council will learn (surprise, surprise) that the unholy row last week between Mr Scargill and the Seven Wise Men was all an unfortunate misunderstanding. Would the TUC please have another bash at fixing talks with the Coal Board? And, at the same time, perhaps the general council might care to confirm last September's unreal Congress resolution of "total support" for the miners' case and see about providing more money to say nothing of honouring the picket lines (symbolic or otherwise) which the NUM has deemed to be thrown around stocks of coal, rail terminals, lorry depots, assorted docks and the nation's power stations.

So today's general council meeting will be little more than theatre — and verging upon the theatre of the absurd at that. The miners will get their money, paid into hardship funds, where possible, and harsh things will be resolved about Messrs MacGregor and Walker. Mr Norman Willis will be prevailed upon to use the hot line yet again — though without enthusiasm after last week's "misunderstandings." The new general secretary of the TUC is not courting another NUM snub. And, despite Mr Scargill's rhetoric, some 5,000 "new faces" returning in the first days of this week, can only encourage the board to stand pat on its "best and final" offer.

In truth the miners are now paying for the unreality of the position adopted by the trade union movement these past twelve months. Once it became apparent that the NUM could not bring out the final third of its members, it was obvious that other workers were not going to risk their jobs by taking sympathetic action. The general council should have the — belated — courage to tell Mr Scargill so. Today, in sad, clear terms. There is, alas, simply no point any longer in pretending otherwise.

Egypt takes a hand

President Mubarak deserves a more positive response to his proposal that the United States should call preliminary peace talks on the Middle East. He is not suggesting that Mr Peres and King Hussein should be invited to Camp David. There is no reason at this stage for President Reagan or his Secretary of State to be involved at all in any detail. His more modest proposal stems from the agreement recently reached between the King and Mr Yasser Arafat. This document has to be read as the latest in a long series of Arab pronouncements of which it is by far the most conciliatory. (Syria is appalled by it for that reason.) It has its procedural and its substantive parts. Procedurally it wants an international conference with the permanent members of the Security Council (by which is meant the Soviet Union as well as the US) in attendance. Mr Mubarak's idea is to present such a conference with an agreement already reached between the parties. Substantively it goes as far towards meeting Israel's requirements as it sensibly can.

American hesitations are understandable, even though they ought to be overcome. They are understandable, first, because the US does not want any more policy failures in the Middle East, and secondly because it is bound to ask how far this is a peace initiative and how far it is an internal manoeuvre by Arab leaders for their lesser purposes. Mr Arafat appears to have come a long way, but he would probably go a long way back again if, for example, President Assad of Syria made it worth his while. The puzzle is still the PLO: does it genuinely seek the liberation of the West Bank and Gaza, or is it happier to enjoy the honorifics of statehood without the tiresome duties that go with them? Mr Peres says Mr Mubarak may have made "an important contribution" and welcomes face-to-face talks with Jordanians and Palestinians. Is he seriously contemplating the surrender of occupied territory or is he merely speaking for the archives?

Inevitable doubts of this kind will persist until the day, if it comes, when Israel and the Arabs do reach a settlement. They are not a sufficient reason for disinvolvement in the early negotiating stages. King Hussein, who is often more decisive in word than in deed, says that if nothing happens very soon "then I believe the chance might be lost for all time to come." The only trouble with that statement is that it has been made before. In essence it is true because of the sheer inertia induced by occupation which, if not overcome, will see the occupation perpetuated. Regrettably the European Community has no standing in the dispute or it could take on the role offered by Mr Mubarak to the Americans. No large commitment of prestige is involved in discovering where the parties now stand, and the protocol problem of dealing with the PLO at one remove has long been overcome. US policy in recent months has been to wait for the more important Arab leaders to settle on some ideas of their own before taking a hand itself. That moment now seems to have arrived.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why the embryologists are not acting irresponsibly

Sir, — Dr Edwards is quite right in his criticism (Guardian, February 20) that the public, through its elected politicians, and its self-appointed guardians has been lamentably slow in coming to grips with the moral, religious and social implications of in vitro fertilisation, embryo transfer and associated research.

In 1972-3 the British Society for Developmental Biology planned the inclusion in a forthcoming meeting of an open ended debate on "The ethical questions raised by biomedical research." The Society had some difficulty in finding non-scientists prepared to participate in such a debate but eventually a single Jesuit philosopher agreed to take part.

The meeting was held jointly with the Netherlands Developmental Biology Society, who shared our concern in the subject, on April 15, 1975, almost exactly one year before the first pregnancy resulting from embryo transfer (unfortunately ectopic) was reported by Steptoe & Edwards in the Lancet, April 24, 1976.

The debate took place in a seminary and was open to all-comers. It was well attended by people of many persuasions but the discussion was disappointing and, from the scientists' viewpoint, extremely frustrating. It seemed that in that audience only the scientists comprehended that there were ethical dilemmas and the lay representative on the panel repeatedly reassured the audience that the anticipated course of research posed no philosophical problems for society as far as he could see.

The failure of that and, no doubt, many subsequent attempts to take the debate into the public arena has resulted in the present inadequately informed, frenzied discussions, and headlong rush for legislation to bolt the door with the horse halfway out.

The most alarming and quite unfair aspect is that the scientists are being accused of acting irresponsibly in this matter when in reality it is quite the reverse. Fostering this view of course encourages the gravest suspicion of the motives for doing the research. In my experience these motives are entirely above suspicion and almost completely altruistic, although it is gratifying to add to one's knowledge and to rise in the esteem of one's colleagues.

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Sir, — As a woman who has twice tried in vitro fertilisation unsuccessfully, may I express my personal reaction to Enoch Powell's Bill which distorts the issue even in its title.

The opinions so far seem to be from those without fertility problems or those churches which have banded together their minority congregations with Frankenstein type stories. Most of those who signed, were petitioning to prevent the creation of monsters. Only those who were manipulating them were aware of the far-reaching implications of the Bill. Petitions were signed by people, like my friends, who had no idea of the consequences for those like myself with fertility problems.

It is also evident that most of the signatories of the petition, and indeed many members of Parliament who debated the Bill, had little understanding of basic embryology.

It is simply not true that the IVF programme can continue without experimentation. A ban is wanted on even those experiments which take place in the earliest days after fertilisation. Many, many eggs are fertilised every month. Many millions are rejected 14 days later because they have been unsuccessful in implanting themselves in the wall of the uterus.

It is ironic that Mr Powell should be leading this crusade for the respect of human life. This is the politician whose oratory has become synonymous with the language of prejudice and with little regard for human dignity in its attitudes to people of other races who live among us.

The hypocrisy inherent in this Bill is hard to accept but the intended state control over my right to conceive is intolerable in a free society. Why should I, or any other woman in my position, ask the permission of a Whitehall bureaucrat to have a baby. It is undemocratic, insensitive and degrading.

How dare anyone suggest that I ask permission to try for a child? How dare the churchgoing minority force their views to affect another minority group — the infertile? How dare anyone have so little respect for human life that they take away hope? How strange that Christians should be so sadly lacking in charity. — Yours,

Lynette Clarke.
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Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Sir, — Karen Pritchard informs us (Letters, February 23) that she and her anonymous "boss" in the House of Commons "never receive phone calls from Life or Spuc." However, that may be her "boss" certainly received a letter last week from Cardinal Basil Hume, urging him to support the Powell Bill.

The cardinal said: "Parliament should be asked to take a decision without further delay. Postponing this decision runs a risk: the prospect of further scientific success and the momentum of research, once initiated, tend to push back the limits of control."

The chief losers of the cardinal's politicking will of course be those couples who cannot have a child, and dearly want one; and those couples who might have been spared the misery of a severely handicapped baby.

Madeleine Simms.
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When the IBA uses its umbrella in a climate of secrecy

Sir,—The 20/20 Vision programme, MI5 Official Secret, makes serious allegations from well-placed sources that the security services have systematically kept the National Council for Civil Liberties, CND, and trade unions under surveillance.

Why is it that the people who have brought these matters to public attention are the subject of criminal investigation, while those who engage in the behaviour are not? Why is it, moreover, that the film seeking to bring these matters to public attention has been banned?

The programme was banned by the Independent Broadcasting Authority because it believed it violated the Official Secrets Act. The IBA has set itself up as a law-enforcement agency — which it is not. Its action has helped to cover up important matters which are rightly within the public domain.

The IBA's action is also inconsistent because last summer it decided to screen the World in Action programme where Peter Wright made disclosures which, prima facie, were in breach of the same act. The law has not changed, and the IBA has the same statutory remit.

The only change is in the political climate. And the only way to fight back against secrecy is to bring the facts to the public's attention, which I should like to do through your columns.

The programme alleges that, until 1981, NCCL was on MI5's list of subversive organisations, and during the 1970s an assistant director at MI5 personally targeted NCCL. It is alleged that "anyone who was on the national executive of NCCL, who worked for NCCL, or who was an active member to the degree of being, say, a branch secretary of NCCL, would be placed on record; and routine inquiries would be instituted to identify such people, and police inquiries were sought."

It is alleged that police and Special Branch had agents inside NCCL and records were kept. Apparently Special Branch was not informed in 1981 that NCCL had been removed from the list of subversive organisations and continued to keep us under surveillance.

The Guardian is publishing this information, while the independent television network is being prevented from doing so. Isn't that a sad reflection on the boundaries of journalistic freedom in television?

NCCL has a special interest in this programme. We have been assisting its producers — Claudia Milne and Geoffrey Seed — for the past nine months; and we are a civil liberties organisation whose civil liberties have been seriously infringed.

It is difficult to see how this interference with private communications, and the subsequent ban of a television programme of legitimate public interest, can be reconciled with the requirement of privacy and free expression in the European Convention of Human Rights. Almost certainly, that point will have to be tested before the European Commission. — Yours faithfully,

Larry Gostin.
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Civil Liberties,
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Sir, — Recent interest in anecdotes about surveillance by MI5 and the Special Branch has brought to mind a conversation I had a few years ago with the headmaster of a large comprehensive school in Essex.

He had just had, he told me, the annual visit from Special Branch officers who asked whether he had any sixth-formers whom they should keep an eye on. He was pleased to have been able to tell them that a member of the family of one boy had recently visited East Germany.

It would be very interesting to know what machinery the Special Branch has to ensure that it makes these visits only to those headmasters who are sure to be co-operative. — Yours truly,

John Bullman.
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Boxford, Suffolk.

Sir,—The revelations by Cathy Massiter about MI5 and the Special Branch confirm the gravest suspicions of those of us made targets of surveillance. Her information makes nonsense of most of the answers given by Sir Philip Knights and his senior officers in response to questions on my own case, asked by me, my solicitor, and members of the West Midlands police committee.

Ms Massiter's assertions contradict the reassurances given by serving chief constables and by the Home Secretary in evidence to the Home Affairs Select Committee investigation into the Special Branch. Either the police chiefs and Leon Brittan are ignorant of the widespread breaches of the official guidelines, or they have deliberately misled a parliamentary committee.

Cathy Massiter states that Leon Brittan signed a warrant to authorise the tapping of John Cox's telephone, even though he knew that Mr Cox did not satisfy the stated classification of "subversive." How could this happen? —Was the Home Secretary not aware of what he was signing?

Or was he on holiday at the time? — Yours,

Madeline Haigh.
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And the police keep the pickets at sixes and sevens

Sir, — If anyone has doubts about the extent to which the police and the courts are being used to curtail the freedoms of trade unionists, they should consider what has been happening at the Gom colliery in South Wales.

Over the past few months we have been regularly visiting the picket line there as observers. The activities of the local men have been eminently peaceful and restrained, as indeed have those of the police constables on duty. There has been little of the ritual "push and shove"; what trouble there has been has arisen from union officials being unable to speak to those crossing the picket lines.

Since the court decision on five pits in the area, union officials have accepted legal advice to keep strictly to the limit of six men on the picket line. They now fear arrest — intimidated is not too strong a word — to the extent that they have asked that we stay away.

Their legal advice is that if we visit the picket line and thereby push the number present above six, they are liable to be arrested and charged with conspiracy. Even shouting at the working miners can result in arrest.

Furthermore, there are clear indications that a lodge official's telephone is being tapped.

The men we have spoken to seem to be law-abiding members of a small community who see themselves as simply supporting their union and fighting for members' jobs. They tell us that their relationships with the local police, even in the early stages of the dispute, had been good.

They are now, however, worried men who say that what they have experienced leads them to believe that we already have a police state. At the least, what has happened at the Gom is an indication of a serious erosion of liberties about which all democrats should be alarmed. — Yours faithfully,

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Catches that are holding a green economist in the closet

Sir, — How profoundly encouraging that after many years belittling green economics, Christopher Huhne should have begun to see the light (Financial Guardian, February 21).

To acknowledge the limitations of Gross National Product (GNP) as a useful measure of net, genuine wealth; to discover, only a decade or so after Schumacher's Small is Beautiful, that it's important to distinguish between income and capital when talking of natural resources; and to affirm that topsoil may have as much to do with real wealth as any Volvo-led consumer boom: such are the by now familiar hallmarks of a closet green fumbling for the latch to set himself free.

Mr Huhne's job would be that much simpler, however, if he could only relinquish one or two illusions that he still nurtures about green economics. For instance, no one at the Other Economic Summit this April will be upholding the merits of "zero growth," as he seems to imply. Given the real needs of the majority of people today, to deny the importance of economic growth in the Third World would be appallingly callous; and no less absurd a position than that of those who still see life through the filter of infinite growth.

But to cease to hold up economic growth in the developed world as a necessarily desirable goal in itself, and to cease to aspire after it at all costs must indeed remain our first, modest goals. Only then can we begin to develop more realistic, sensitive economic indicators which will allow us to rescue the concept of wealth from the mindless mountebanks of contemporary industrialism.

Christopher Huhne also seems oblivious to the impact of new technology on the distribution of work and wealth in society. Whatever may be happening in America, there aren't many people left in the UK who presume that an increase in economic growth automatically results in a corresponding increase in employment.

Trade unionists don't, though they are loth to admit it; the CBI certainly doesn't. Politicians, of course, have to pretend that they all still do, for on that one great illusion hang their every effort to win votes.

Mr Huhne boldly declares: "At the bottom line, millions of people in the Western democracies who have voted time and again for politicians to give them more growth, cannot be that wrong." Behind such touching faith there lurks a depressing indifference to the Third World.

Is it really not "that wrong" to go on as we do now? Or must we really wait till we have made "ecological refugees" of us all

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A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: After a fortnight of continuous snow-cover and night frosts, a thaw now seems well on the way, and the daily visitation of fieldfares has ceased — presumably because patches of grass are at least exposed in the fields. Milder conditions will soon awaken frogs from their hibernation. They tend to congregate in their spawning pools for some weeks before breeding begins, although they may pair up immediately on arrival. The threat to our population of both frogs and toads, from a variety of causes such as the filling-in of village ponds, pollution of traditional spawning sites by toxic chemicals or silage effluent, and the toll taken by traffic as the awakened amphibians migrate along their long-established paths, does not now seem so ominous as it did a few years ago. This improved outlook is largely due to the advent of the garden pond as a desirable amenity, and indeed it is now considered that there may be more frogs and toads breeding in such sites than in the wild. Many such colonisations have been from the deliberate introduction of spawn, and another heartening aspect of the growing interest in those creatures is the now well-established practice, supported by official road signs, of ferrying the migrants by the bucket-full across the roads which cross their routes. Conservation for its own sake is highly laudable, but its supporters will be all the better equipped to carry out their good work if they are familiar with the life histories of those they seek to protect. Now an admirable guide to all that one needs to know about our native amphibians is available. Frogs and Toads, by Trevor Beebee (Whittet Books, 113 Westbourne Grove, London W2 4UP, £4.95) is excellent value. Presented very much in the same style as Chris Mead's Robins, this is a veritable encyclopaedia of all aspects of the subject.

W. D. CAMPBELL

Miscellany at large

Sir,—Prof. Anthony Eccles may never have had it so good (Agenda, February 25) but then few professors face life on £28.05 a week supplementary benefit; most aren't single mothers struggling to bring up a child on £35 weekly; nor are they facing the threat of death from hypothermia each winter, spending £15 of their £40 retirement pension on fuel every week; and of course, professors don't face a future with no hope of improving a quality of life so low as to be unimaginable in the safe groves of academe.

No, they weren't really the good old days, in answer to the professor's question. But to those millions separated by an increasingly wide gulf from the prosperity of a section of Mrs Thatcher's Britain, the new days are just as bad. — Yours sincerely,

Robert Spicer.
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Sir,—What a brilliant caricature of herself Margaret Thatcher presented to Washington.

By using a press conference overseas to attempt to bully a fellow member of the Commonwealth, the Prime Minister has beaten her own formidable record of arrogance. Let us hope our New Zealand friends will treat her remarks with the contempt they deserve.

Apart from this ludicrous performance, all Mrs Thatcher demonstrated in Washington was her total subservience to the disastrous policies of Ronald Reagan. What a proud day for Britain.—Yours sincerely,

Mary Southern.
Herne Bay, Kent.

Sir,—When Mrs Thatcher claimed, "You ain't seen nothing yet," could she have been talking about the slide in the pound?

Jim Sillars.
Edinburgh.

Sir, — British Telecom explains (Letters, February 22) that the tone on the latest push-button pay-phones was introduced to eliminate coin-box fraud. But it is not just calls via the operator that result in two-tone bleeps. Our club's push-button phone emits the infamous bleeps on every single call — whether made by or to us. Or is this just to let us know that all our calls are being individually "handled" by the operator? — Yours sincerely,

Richard Hadley.
London N7.

Sir, — Re your headline from Dublin (February 22), is a "pyrrhic condom victory" better than a strategic withdrawal? — Yours sincerely,

A. H. Jones.
Glastonbury, Somerset.

Ethical questions for people with bodies

Doctors are not required to tell patients all known risks of treatment. Peter Ransley on the arguments for informed consent

SECOND OPINION

IT'S only when the garage botches the car, or the often-repaired loft conversion leaks again, that I start muttering about rights and redress. Infuriating and time-consuming though it may be to assert those rights, at least they're there. Yet if my body goes into hospital for an operation which goes wrong, my rights are much hazier, much more difficult to assert.

Crazy, but true. Mechanics never have the car ready and builders are all cowboys, but doctors are wonderful. We want to think that, and maybe they have to think that to do the job; but it leads to us putting our bodies in their hands with an abandon we would never dream of extending to our lofts and cars.

Some consequences of this are chillingly portrayed in Whose Body Is It?, which deals with what Carolyn Faulder thinks is the hottest topic in medical ethics today—informed consent.

In this country a patient has the right to be told only about serious and reasonably probable risks of an operation or course of treatment. He may, or may not, be given the full picture. In the US, doctors are legally bound to tell patients all the known risks. Here the doctors decide what to disclose.

What this can mean in practice was shown by the case of Mrs. Amy Sidaway, whose appeal to the House of Lords was turned down last week. Mrs Sidaway had an operation to relieve neck and shoulder pain. She was told there might be damage to the root of a nerve (two chances in a hundred), which could cause pain and some numbness, but she was not told of the far more serious risk of paralysis because that was only one chance in a hundred, and considered remote.

That is, in fact, what happened. The point is that Mrs Sidaway could have lived with her condition and would never have had the operation had she been told of the risks of paralysis. The courts believed her, but found against her because the law is that doctors have to disclose only what other proper and responsible doctors disclose.

"It needs only one patient to bring a similar action in relation to a controlled clinical trial," says Ms Faulder, "to stir up a real hornet's nest."

In 1981 this might well have happened when 81-year-old Mrs Margaret Wigley, following an operation for bowel cancer, was entered into a clinical trial to test a new drug. She was not told she was in a trial, nor that the drug was experimental. She died because her bone marrow became irreversibly depressed because of careless monitoring of the effects of the drug.

The coroner expressed concern that the trial protocol had not been strictly observed, and that the patient's consent had not been asked for.

The section in the book on randomised controlled clinical trials—RCTs—is by far the most detailed and valuable. In these trials people with the same illness at roughly the same stage are put into groups at random. They are given different treatments. The object is to eliminate bias in assessing these treatments.

Whatever the scientific merits of RCTs, they present huge ethical problems, which up to now have been largely debated within the medical profession. The book brings these problems into focus and before a wider public.

One trial which compares mastectomy for early breast cancer (removal of the whole breast) versus lumpectomy (removal of the tumour) is the first breast cancer trial in the UK to advise participating doctors that they should seek informed consent from patients. Although not mandatory, the advice must be considered by ethical committees to which the trials are referred.

All well and good, but as Ms Faulder points out, what does this tell us about the past and the present? Women have been entered into these trials without their knowledge, a situation which many doctors were most unhappy about; they refused to deal with their patients in this way. But others did. Some women have been told they need a mastectomy and have gone through with it with a heavy heart believing it to have been their doctors' advice—unaware that the operation has been allocated to them by a computer.

With Kafka-like situations such as this, the book scarcely needs its rather too dedicated initial trudge through ethics, from Hippocrates to Sissela Bok. I hope this doesn't deter people in health-care, and indeed all people with bodies, from reading the book, for its great merit is to draw together much recent information on trials, and cases arising from them, and to raise many searching and disturbing questions.

Peter Ransley is a television writer whose play Minor Complications, about a woman fighting a medical negligence case, led to the formation of the charity Action for the Victims of Medical Accidents.

Whose Body Is It? by Carolyn Faulder is published tomorrow by Virago, £3.95.

Images of The Elite: Hitlerjugend trooper and colleagues; a Royal Marine in full Falklands kit; the US 1st Air Cavalry drops in on Vietnam.

We are the Brits, the US marines and sometimes the Gurkhas. They are the Argies, the Nazis, and the Commies. Our exploits are now being serialised. Jim Dyer inspects The Elite

How Us beat Them

WITH excited cries, my two sons (8 and 13) began a fight for possession of the two copies of The Elite which found their way into my house. Their interest had already been whetted by the television advertising for this new part-work by Orbis Publishing. Their wild enthusiasm for descriptions of weapons and killing didn't disturb me too much—I think they'll grow out of it. It's the people who don't grow out of it I worry about. This prompts some reflections on the content of The Elite.

It reads like a sales brochure for weapons. It sells something else more dangerous, though—an iron-hard image of hollow super-masculinity. One wonders whether in Reagan's America (where the fierce GI Joe topped the list in Christmas toy sales) and in Thatcher's post-Falklands Britain there exists a climate which might encourage a crude nationalism and a militaristic outlook, in which such publications might flourish.

This is not to suggest of course that the publishers of The Elite are part of some far-right scheme: Orbis may well see The Elite as just one of their series of part-works which include books on the Royal Family and cars. It does seem unlikely, however, that the sudden popular display of jingoism during the Falklands campaign would have escaped their notice as an indication of potential customers.

Although the editor, Ashley Brown, told me that they had in mind as a market only those particularly interested in military affairs, the television advertising and the free regimental badge stickers and Falklands marines poster with the first issue seemed targeted on a wider and younger readership, as personal experience showed.

"Who are the elite?" asks the advertising on the free Falklands poster. The subtitle suggests that they are "the world's crack fighting men". An examination of the contents of the first two issues, together with a list of coming features, reveals that "the world" has been subjected to some ideological constriction.

It is, of course mainly *us* fighting *them*, or if not us, those who are almost us, such as the Gurkhas ("read of their fearlessness, their love of battle, and their loyalty to the British"). The them is most often the Argentinians and the Nazis but includes Communists in Oman and Vietman, Soviet-trained Syrians in the Yom Kippur War, and African nationalist guerrillas in Rhodesia.

The us ranges from British forces in the Falklands and celebrated heroes of the second world war such as 617 Squadron and the Paras at Arnhem, through American marines in Vietnam and the Israeli 7th armoured brigade to a particularly nasty group from Rhodesia called the *Selous Scouts*.

These Scouts share an interest in tracking with the Boy Scouts, but there the resemblance ends. Their work was to pretend to be nationalist guerrillas, to mingle with them and arrange rendezvous where regular forces would turn up by helicopter and slaughter the guerrillas. Not much chivalry there. "In less than seven years the Selous Scouts had lost only 36 men killed in action, but had accounted for several thousand guerrillas."

Fascinatingly, there is one group which appears on both sides, the elite and the enemy, and that is the Nazis. Rommel and his Afrika Korps and the Hitlerjugend 12th SS Panzer Division feature among the elite. The Nazis are treated with respect. While Communist adversaries attract adjectives such as ferocious or murderous, Rommel's "valiant soldiers" "fought with strength and chivalry" and the sunk Bismarck was "a worthy enemy".

The inclusion of Nazi forces among the elite might be taken to be broadminded, and a demonstration of how quickly attitudes towards a former enemy can change. But the real point of psychological interest is that a study of military elitism can hardly afford to leave the Nazis out, for the Nazis are surely the apotheosis of the masculine military ideal which underlies the whole production. The article on the Hitlerjugend is particularly interesting in this respect.

There appear to be common themes in the psychology of elite military groups. First, there is a period of very harsh *induction*, with *dominance* rituals and humiliation, a breaking down of the recruit's individuality and a fostering of dependence on the hierarchy.

The Hitlerjugend took this further than most. The recruits from the Hitler Youth leadership schools "were subjected to hunger, deprivation and exposure to live bullet and shell attacks. Inevitably there were casualties, yet the troops came to war fully hardened and eager to fight. Imbued with the romance of the Germanic warrior, the soldiers of the Hitlerjugend were given a chance of ultimate glory—death in the defence of the Fatherland."

Survival of the induction is generally rewarded by the permission to wear some coveted emblem or uniform, establishing and advertising membership of the elite group. The group attracts a reputation for zeal which, as in the case of the Hitlerjugend, may amount to fanaticism and self-sacrifice, and often for unorthodox activities.

Hitler's young soldiers hero-worshipped their tough and exciting leaders. The fact that their most senior officer, Kurt Meyer, was found guilty by the British and Canadians of war crimes does not apparently prevent inclusion in the elite.

No doubt some readers of The Elite will be motivated by its offering of an uncompromising masculine identity which covers up fear, uncertainty and powerlessness. (A colleague told me of a transvestite patient who reads it avidly.) This seeking after super-masculinity can apply to nations as well as individuals of course, even nations led by a woman.

Could the hopelessness, powerlessness and lack of identity associated with poor employment prospects and reduced national morale, in a Britain governed in a style that is hard and confrontational, lead more young men to espouse the values of military elitism?

It is not my aim to criticise the armed forces in general, or to diminish acts of human skill and bravery which are carried out by soldiers in conflict. What is disturbing here is the very distorted and diminished picture of male behaviour which is portrayed: not so much a distillation as a sediment of male psychology.

The language gives this away. The men are "welded into crack fighting units". "Read how a man is tempered and trained as a fighter"; 2 Para is "a fighting machine". The men become like metal parts of a machine themselves, hard and without feeling. Weapons are the real dramatis personae. Their precise names litter the pages in Ian Fleming-like detail.

An article on the US 1st Air Cavalry in Vietnam lists the brigade's successes: "Some 200 North Vietnamese soldiers were killed and an estimated 180 wounded. *More importantly*" (my italics) "it had destroyed over 100,000 rounds of 7.62mm ammunition, two 82mm mortars and three 75mm recoilless rifles."

The elite are action men. They know no death, though there are many enemies *killed and terrorists put away*. No. 80 white phosphorus grenades are noted to have "very *effective* antipersonnel properties". The "dulce et decorum" lies are retold. Here there is no "blood, Come gargling from the froth-corrupted lungs".

The piece on 2 Para's taking of Goose Green is written by a padre, Rev David Cooper. We might look here for a deeper analysis. Well, the padre is described as a weapons expert, and I quote: "One unfortunate Argentinian was seen to leave a bunker that had been struck by a missile, run a few yards and jump into another. As he leapt, this bunker too was hit by a missile and disintegrated in a cloud of dust and flying stones. 'Bet that took the edge off his day,' remarked a Tom with some satisfaction."

One final reflection: the end result of fascination with the technology of killing, and the naive belief that it can maintain civilised values, is nuclear weapons.

They are surely the ultimate excitement for weapon aficionados, the ultimate surrender of man to machine. The men in the Polaris submarines are locked in the inside of the machine of extermination itself.

But nuclear weapons and their human components do not feature at all in The Elite. There is a sort of romantic nostalgia, fostered no doubt by the Falklands war, for the earlier stages of war technology, when at least it was possible for men to take some sort of pride in skill and courage on the battlefield.

The super-masculinity of *The Elite*, though, *the flight* from relationship and seeking for power through destructive *technology, is a major factor* in the present nuclear threat. I am left asking with Ian MacEwan, "Shall there be womanly times, or shall we die?"

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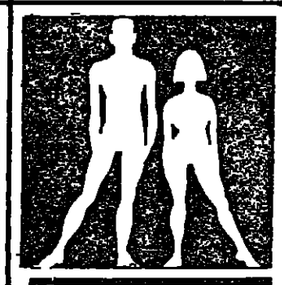

BODY AND SOUL

A clever computer makes a bad lover

WHY does it matter whether machines can think? John Searle's Reith lectures have stirred up an old tangle of worries. Searle himself did not seem much bothered about the moral and emotional bearing of his questions. But the way in which people respond to discussions like his shows how deeply these aspects affect them.

Those championing the machines—who are sometimes but not always those who know most about them—constantly stress their powers. In order to stop us regarding the things as just rather superior cars or typewriters, they emphasise their likeness to people.

The bystanders naturally ask whether there is still supposed to be a difference, or whether the idea is that people are much the same thing as machines in any case. And they do not get a sufficiently clear answer.

It seems a pity that the machine-champions have sometimes hammed things up here. They could surely have made their point about the excellence and distinctiveness of computers better by stressing their differences from people than by allowing vague claims of profound likeness to develop. It ought to be clear that people and machines are not in competition. But apparently it is not, and once the competitive model is set up, the notion of machine equality, or superiority, becomes all-important.

This tradition stems from a famous essay in which Alan Turing, the founding father of computing science, dealt with the question of whether machines can think. This could be settled, said Turing, by asking the deeper question, "In a suitably set up game, can a computer program deceive us into taking it for a person?" If so, it has shown it is as clever as we are, and we must acknowledge its equal status.

This is an uncommonly weird idea. Why should anything follow from this deception? The wax keeper at Madame Tussaud's is successful too. Dryads are seen in oak-trees and faces in wallpaper. (People send flowers to the Archers.) Children talk to their teddy-bears. Animism reigns. Human beings, in fact, very easily treat the non-human world as if it were human.

This gives nobody any reason to conclude that real keepers are the same as wax ones, or that teddy bears, people and computers are all much the same really.

Why were Turing and his followers so impressed with the deception game? Its point was of course to upgrade our notion of computers by showing that they can play it as well as people. But this seems rather a trifling point when there are already so many things which they can obviously do far better, quite apart from calculation.

Computers can win any competition to see who can keep quiet for longest, who makes the lowest pay-claim, or who works best without sleep. They are also very good at not intriguing, not sulking, not arguing, not changing their minds, not getting bored, not despising their programmers, not making awkward suggestions, not interfering, and not criticising the projects they are employed on.

These merits are quite as essential to them as their calculating skills. If some misguided inventor did manage to make them more like people in these respects, he would get little thanks, because they would become unusable.

Who wants a bumptious computer which might object to making armaments, or leave to found its own company, or fall in love or join the Moonies? Who feels like working out the formula for relating human leave and pay to that of machines?

Once we start to look at things in this way, without competitiveness, we shall probably not get involved in the task, which those who take Turing's line seem to think is called for, of finding a mysterious occult quality called thought to distinguish human calculation from that of machines.

The word thought does not just mean calculation, still less a special kind of calculation. Our thoughts are our whole inner experience. They include a great jungle of feeling and imagery untouched by calculation, which has grown both during our lives and before them from an ancient nervous and perceptual system of which we know very little. From this springs our motivation, in a manner so mysterious that nobody would have the remotest idea how to try and reproduce it in a machine. Machines have no motives.

That is what makes possible the splendid negative virtues just listed. This difference from people is no sort of discredit to them, any more than it is a discredit to an elephant not to be an oak tree. Nor need it stop us using words like thought or decision in talking about them, if that helps us. But it does radically limit the sense we can give to those words.

Like teddy-bears, computers, though they have important analogies with people, also have important differences. A good person would make a terrible computer, so it ought surely not to surprise us much that a good computer would also make a terrible person. Perhaps that is why the clever Japanese are now losing interest in their project of making fifth-generation computers.

Mary Midgley

How can the health service measure the quality of its patients? And how can it do its sums if it doesn't? Rob Stepney reports on Qaly to come

Is a replaced hip a better NHS buy than a transplanted heart?

EVEN when the time-and motion men have finished with the NHS and we know the cost of every stitch and pill, we will still know the value of very little—until we have agreed ways of assessing health, not just as survival but also as quality of life.

Freedom from pain and disability are clearly ingredients in many individual decisions about treatment. Patients sometimes trade the chance of prolonged survival for a life that is shorter but unmarred by the disfiguring or debilitating effects of surgery and drugs. And there is no shortage of personal opinion on whether hip replacements that prevent chronic discomfort should have preference over life-saving heart transplants.

But can such individual preferences be expressed in a way that allows the value of alternative treatments to be rationally assessed?

Health economists now think they can. The fact that quality of life is inevitably subjective does not mean, they say, that is unmeasurable. The key is a "unit" of health called a Quality-Adjusted Life Year (Qaly) that combines extension of life with a measure of its worth. And the people who judge how much life is worth are ourselves.

The starting point is a group of individuals—ideally a random sample drawn from the general population—who are asked to imagine different states of pain and disability, and put them in order from most to least acceptable. People are allowed to say that some states are as bad, or worse, than death. Being in severe pain and bed-ridden for the rest of your life may be one of them.

The individuals in the sample then assign numbers to these different conditions, to indicate how *much* worse one state is than another. This is done using a scale from 0 to 1, with 0 representing death and 1 perfect health. On this scale, being chair-bound and in pain might be rated as worth 0.3, for example; being house-bound and in no pain 0.8; and so on. These judgments are averaged to give the value we place on living with different degrees of discomfort and disability.

The cost-effectiveness of specific medical interventions can then be calculated. If a particular operation is certain to move a patient from a state of chair-bound pain to one of pain-free but limited mobility, it will increase quality of life by 0.5, in our example. If it also extends life by two years, that represents the gain of a single Qaly.

In practice, calculation of Qalys is inevitably more complicated. We have to take into account the chances of death during surgery, the likelihood that the operation will fail to produce the expected improvement, and the benefits available from alternative forms of treatment. But the principle is plain. The Qaly is an all-embracing measure; and it is standard. For the first time, like can be compared with like. And the cost in NHS resources of obtaining a Qaly can be calculated for any number of medical procedures under review.

Alan Williams, of York University's department of economics, presented the Qaly concept to a recent meeting on the value of open-heart surgery to bypass obstructed coronary arteries. By reducing the risk of heart attack, the operation improves life expectancy in patients with a certain pattern of arterial disease.

But for others coronary artery grafting is justified more by its beneficial effect on discomfort and disability. People who have been crippled by angina are able once again to work and exercise—to the extent that surgeons talk about the operation in terms of the dog food that prolongs active life. So a measure combining survival benefits with quality is especially appropriate.

The Qalys Professor Williams applied to coronary artery operations were based on health evaluations made by a panel of 70 people—not randomly selected from the population, but large enough to give a hope of being representative. Using their assessments, he was able to say that in certain patients bypass surgery produced a single Qaly at a cost of £800, which (in his terms) represented a "good buy" for the health service. But in patients with a less serious form of coronary artery disease, the operation cost over £3,000 per Qaly produced.

"This method does not tell you what a Qaly itself is worth. I don't know whether we should be spending £5,000 to get one Qaly, or £50,000," says Alan Williams. "All I can say is that you'll get more Qalys if you put your money into one procedure rather than another. But that is some sort of breakthrough."

For comparison, he calculated that the price paid to obtain one Qaly by heart transplant is £5,000. For a kidney transplant it is £3,000; for implanting a heart pacemaker £700; and for replacing a hip £750.

"We know there are many patients waiting for hip replacements. How do we explain to several crippled and housebound old ladies in a lot of pain that they cannot have operations because we've decided a 55-year-old man who gets chest pain when he over-exerts himself should have priority?" he asked.

Not everyone was impressed with Alan Williams's attempt to define the indefinable. "The Qaly—what kind of economic animal is that?" was one disparaging comment.

But the consensus was that however fast Nigel Lawson minted pounds, doctors would find ways of spending them; and setting priorities was therefore inevitable.

There is evidence that doctors find the present situation painful. Their difficulty became obvious with the case earlier this year of Derek Sage, the Oxford patient who was declined further kidney dialysis. To some extent, the doctors' problem is compounded by the public's double standards. On the one hand, we accept in general terms that life at any price makes neither economic nor ethical sense. On the other, outrage at an individual "being left to die" is easily kindled.

The public will may be fickle. But Qalys provide a kind of answer. In Alan Williams's terms, "They reflect the calmer decisions people make about resource allocation when their emotions are not directly engaged."

There is a clear need for a constituency wider than the medical profession itself to be involved in assessing treatment priorities. "There may be a quite unconscious bias for doctors to value what they do more highly than the population at large," says Alan Williams. Health service administrators are probably in no better a position.

When medicine was still mostly about infectious disease, there was little scope for arguing that new treatments might not be worthwhile. Patients who would otherwise have died got better; those who were seriously ill got better more quickly; and all resumed a normal life. But now the problem is one of chronic and degenerative disease: of cancer and arthritis and the gradual deterioration of blood vessels that supply the heart and brain.

For many patients with these conditions, "cure" does not come into the question. But there are ways of limiting symptoms, of controlling pain and disability, and sometimes of extending life. Unfortunately such therapy is costly and open ended. There is little limit to the amount of pharmacological and mechanical tinkering that can be done. And the patient pays a price for it in terms of side-effects, as well as the NHS footing the bill. For all of these reasons, the costs and benefits of competing therapies need careful evaluation, and the Qaly approach is the best tool available.

One objection to the use of Qalys is that they put an economist's calculator in the place of a caring relationship. But health economists reply that they are reflecting not their own judgments, but those of the general public. A rational approach to medical priorities is better, they say, than the present position, where the NHS is tugged this way and that by competing emotional appeals, and where most resources go to those who pluck the heartstrings hardest.

When George cries for help, who listens?

See page 3.

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Salary: £11,325-£13,065 inclusive.

Project Development Workers

To assist ethnic minority groups in presenting their case for funding to the Council, monitoring their progress and researching/advising on other sources of funding. This requires the ability to quickly assimilate internal and external grants procedures.

Good communication, interpersonal and organising skills are needed, together with an in-depth knowlege of ethnic arts.

Salary: £11,325-£13,065 inclusive.

Personal Assistants

There are two posts: one working with the Race Equality Officer, the other with the Unit's Policy Adviser. In addition to *the full spectrum of secretarial duties,* the work entails researching information and liaising closely with a wide range of people both within and outside of the Council.

You will need to be an efficient secretary with first rate typing, organisational and communication skills. Initiative and the ability to work well under pressure to meet tight deadlines are also among the key attributes we seek.

Salary: £6,927-£9,255 inclusive.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

For an application form, to be returned by 15th March 1985, write to: GLC Department for Recreation and the Arts, Room 686, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1666.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

CARA and
IRISH HOMELESS AND ROOTLESS PROJECT

CO-ORDINATOR

£12,408 inclusive of London Weighting

ADMINISTRATOR

£9,999

The Irish are disproportionately represented among the homeless in London. This project is an attempt to meet their needs eventually on a London-wide basis. We need people who are knowledgeable of both the housing scene and the Irish community, to consolidate and develop CARA. The post initially till March 1986. For further details and application forms, please write to:

The Secretary,
CARA
c/o 72 Stroud Green Road, LONDON N4

For informal discussion, contact Gearoid O'Meachair on 01-341 1100 or Joan Kane on 01-272 7594.

Closing date: 15th March 1985.

Interview date: 21st March 1985.

Due to the expense, if you have not been contacted, a week after the interview date, please assume that you have been unsuccessful with this application.

This is a GLC funded project.

Deputy Director & Clerk's

Race Relations Officer

£16,671-£18,456 plus allowances

The County Council intends to combat racism in all forms and *is seeking a leader of a small specialist team to be formed to* deal with race relations issues throughout the Authority. The job will be based in the Deputy Director & Clerk's Department at County Headquarters, Matlock.
No specific professional or academic qualifications are prescribed. Candidates will, however, be expected to demonstrate relevant experience in the field of race relations and should possess the necessary personal skills and have *the ability to communicate effectively at all levels.*
In addition to a car allowance assistance with removal and disturbance expenses will be given in appropriate cases.
For further details about the job, telephone Ian Farrand or Hazel Harrison on Matlock 3411, Ext. 6930 or write to John Bonham, County Personnel Officer, County Offices, Matlock, DE4 3AG.
Closing date for applications is 29 March 1985.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

DERBYSHIRE County Council

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION MANAGER

London *Up to £15,000 p.a.*

A new post of Finance and Administration Manager has been created to *strengthen the London headquarters team of the National Childbirth Trust.* The Trust is a voluntary organisation which exists to promote education for parenthood and is widely recognised as an authority in this area.

Success in the job will depend on the provision of timely financial planning advice to the Council of the Trust enabling the N.C.T to use its income efficiently Experience of budgeting, cash flow control, the preparation of *annual accounts, management information and reports are essential* Knowledge of computers would be useful. You will manage a small team of people and be responsible for the administration and personnel procedures of the headquarters office.

A self-starter with good communication skills, you should have empathy with the aims of the Trust as well as the necessary financial and *management expertise Some flexibility in working hours may be possible*

Please apply in writing giving full personal, career and salary details to

Mrs. Jacky Hughes
THE NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST
9 Queensborough Terrace, London W2 3TB
Telephone: 01-221 3833

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 13th March, 1985

Brent HEALTH AUTHORITY

UNIT PERSONNEL OFFICER Scale 4

£8,360-£10,054 pa incl

Based at Willesden Hospital, London NW10, *the postholder will* be responsible to the Unit Administrator for the running of a well-developed personnel function in the Care of the Elderly Unit.

The Unit Personnel Officer will be involved in the recruitment and selection of non-nursing staff, industrial relations procedures, Health and Safety, job analysis, and *the provision of advice on Whitley* regulations and employment legislation.

Candidates should have two years' personnel experience and be able to work with minimal supervision. You should hold or be nearing completion of IPM Stage 2 or equivalent qualifications.

For an informal discussion or visit please contact Liam McClelland, Unit Administrator, on 01-459 1292.

Job description and application forms are available from District Personnel, Tel 01-965 5733 ext 2976.

Closing date: 13th March, 1985.

Brent Health Authority working for Equal Opportunities.

ALCOHOLISM COUNSELLORS

Counsellors needed at several locations by private clinic to provide individual, group and family therapy. Must be philosophically committed to abstinence as treatment goal and be able to participate as a team member of medically *supervised private clinic.*

Persons with counselling qualifications or relevant life experience are encouraged to apply by C.V. stating desired salary and any limitations on relocations.

Apply EW 139.
The Guardian.
164 Deansgate, Manchester
M60 2RR

Borough Treasurer

£24,576 to £26,115*

The Council invites applications from men and women for this challenging post in a very progressive authority.

Southwark is an inner London Borough with acute problems of multiple deprivation and high unemployment. It is one of the authorities which has been singled out by the Government for *ratecapping.*

The Borough Treasurer is the Council's chief financial adviser and is responsible for a department of some 330 staff. The authority has an annual turnover of £250m and a loan debt of the order of £550m.

This key position calls for a qualified accountant (ideally CIPFA) *with extensive* financial and managerial experience at a very high level in local government. We are looking for an officer of the highest professional calibre, who also is sensitive to the social requirements of the Council. The successful candidate must be able to motivate and contribute to the development of the work of the staff as a whole, and in particular co-ordinate the department's response to policy issues. The ability to work closely with other Chief Officers and senior Members of the Council is essential.

Benefits include a lump sum car allowance and an overtime scheme.

For an informal discussion, please contact Mr. Paul Cammies, Borough Treasurer, on 01-237 6677, extension 63.

**Salary inclusive of £1251 London Weighting.*

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons.

Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard, to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG.

Please quote reference G/2/5276 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms: 20th March 1985.

Southwark a London borough

GENERAL MANAGER

RE-ADVERTISEMENT

Applications are invited by the Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde Health Authority from those both within and outside the National Health Service for the new post of District General Manager. The Authority is responsible for providing health care for over 310,000 people in the three boroughs of Blackpool, Wyre and Fylde. It currently employs some 5,250 staff and has a revenue allocation of £42 million.

Applicants must have strong leadership qualities which should be tempered with the skills necessary to effect changes in a multi-professional situation and be able to demonstrate a successful record of general management at a senior level in a large organisation in either the public or private sector. Candidates will probably be currently earning at least £20,000 per annum.

The appointment will be for a fixed term of three years with a review after the first year; renewable by mutual agreement.

An application form and further information may be obtained by writing to Councillor J.D. Grime, J.P., Chairman, *Blackpool,* Wyre and Fylde Health Authority, District Offices, Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, FY3 8NR, or telephoning the Chairman's Office on 0253-34151, Ext. 227.

BLACKPOOL Wyre & Fylde Health Authority

Completed application forms to be returned by Monday 18th March, 1985.

Leicester City Council

As part of the City Council's Equal Opportunity Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of marital status, sex, race or disability.

Recreation & Arts

Director of Recreation & Arts

Salary: £23,700 - £26,076

To head a vigourous and enterprising department of 700+ employees with a net revenue budget in excess of £12 million within a progressive Council serving a population nearing 300,000. *Responsibilities include 2,700 acres of parks and open spaces,* 4 cemetries, 6 swimming pools, 6 sports halls, 2 outdoor sports centres, 16 neighbourhood centres and a concert hall plus entertainments, community arts activities and workshops, sports development programme, extensive play provision and support for *a large number of voluntary projects, especially those for ethnic* minority and womens' groups through the Inner Area Programme and various grant funds. A major new leisure centre will open in the summer.
Candidates must be suitably qualified with proven management *skills and wide experience of recreation provision including at least* 5 years management experience at first or second tier level. As a multi- cultural City commited to equal opportunity we also place great importance on a knowledge and understanding of the problems experienced by disadvantaged groups within society - *particularly those of ethnic minorities.*
Assistance with relocation expenses up to a maximum of £2075 and temporary housing accommodation are available in approved cases.
Application form (returnable by 16th March 1985) and further *details from Director of Personnel & Management Services,* New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester, LE1 6ZG. Tel. (0533) 549922 Ext.7084

...your city council working for you

Temporary Committee Clerk

To clerk the ILEA's Staff and General Sub-Committee and its subsidiary and related bodies. A substantial volume of work *is entailed — much of it of a confidential/sensitive nature and* highly pressurised. This includes arranging and progressing committee business, drafting reports and liaising with Members and officers of the Authority. The appointment is on a temporary fixed terms basis, for approximately 9 months.

Proven experience of committee work is needed, with the ability to deal with a heavy workload and to manage a small team. Applicants should be capable of making a positive input to committee documents and of communicating effectively at all levels.

Salary: £14,781-£16,545 inclusive.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC/ILEA is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

ilea *For an application form, to be returned by 15th March 1985, write to: GLC Director-Generals Department, Ref: 5315, Room 203, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 1527.*

Two Specialist Social Workers

(£9114-£10,716)

Deliberate Self Harm

Qualified and experienced social worker to work from the Accident and Emergency Department of a new District General Hospital. The focus will be upon patients who attempt suicide or self mutilation. Opportunities for research and development of new ideas. Informal enquiries to Mike Pearce on Dudley 58433, ext. 5816.

Wordsley Children's Unit

Qualified and experienced social worker to work in a *multi-disciplinary Hospital Team* involved with developmentally delayed children and their parents. Expertise in Assessment, Group Work and Case Work essential. Informal enquiries to Roland Deakin on Kingswinford 288778, ext. 423.

Application forms/details (foolscap SAE) from Director of Social Services, Ednam House, St. James's Road, Dudley, West Midlands. Return by 14th March.

DUDLEY Metropolitan Borough — *Equal Opportunity Employer*

SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER

An independently-run adolescent unit in South West London urgently requires a full-time qualified Senior Social Worker with proven management skills.

Preferably applicants should have several years experience in Field and Group work and must have a definite enthusiasm for and interest in, working with young people, as the unit caters for sixteen adolescents aged between 16 and 18.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the day to day running of the unit and the management of its team of young staff. For an application form and further information on this and other full and part time vacancies contact:

Reliance Social Care
Reliance Social Care Service, 18 John St, London WC1N 2DL
01-242 8558

BRENT ASIAN ELDERS GROUP
186 Church Road, London NW10

COMMUNITY WORKER

A full-time Community Worker is urgently required at the above office, under the Urban Aid Circular No. 21 Grant.

The post involves helping, advising and solving the problems of the Asian community at large and to take up casework.

The salary is based on Brent Council's pay scale SO1 £9,837 per annum inclusive of London Weighting allowance.

Candidates must have a clean driving licence and be able to translate Gujarati language with at least two years' experience in community work.

For application forms and job description, please ring Kalpna or Bharti on 01-451 5690/5699. Closing date 22 March 1985.

Brent Asian Elders Group is an equal opportunities employer.

Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of race, nationality, ethnic or national origins, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation and from registered disabled persons.

BOLTON METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

COMPUTER PROJECTS OFFICER

PO1/3 £10,716-£12,243

We need a committed housing enthusiast to play a crucial role in the development of our computerisation programmes. Our preference is for someone who has already embarked upon a career in housing but we do *not rule out a computer specialist. Ideally, applicants should be educated* to degree standard and be able to prove a capacity to develop computerised systems which effectively improve management performance and service delivery. Furthermore, applicants must be able to communicate easily with colleagues in the use of mainframe and micro facilities, including related office systems. The person appointed will work closely with corporate computing staff as well as departmental officers. This is a new senior post calling for a self-motivated person who is not afraid to give advice on, and accept some operational responsibility for, our computerised activities. The authority currently operates an ICL 2966 mainframe using VME/CME/DME George 3, together with an expanding *terminal network based on the DRS20 range.*

For informal chat — ring George Caswell on (0204) 22311 ext 340.

Application forms are available from the Personnel Officer, Town Hall, Bolton BL1 1RU (Tel Bolton 22311 ext 557 or 5105) to be returned by 13th March, 1985. Trade Union Membership is a condition of service.

An Equal Opportunity Employer

A New Surge in Information Technology

SENIOR STAFF NEEDED TO CAPITALIZE

For some time Westminster City Council has been operating a third generation Sperry mainframe and has recently announced a conversion to IBM 3083/EX using MVS/XA. This decision is in line with a firm commitment to invest in IT in order to provide greater efficiency and cost effectiveness in a myriad of council matters. This substantial growth has led to a number of new positions being created. These include the following:

POLICY AND PLANNING MANAGER
c.£19,500pa

Quickly becoming involved in the review and development of the Council's IT policy, you will be expected to make a major contribution when considering the implications of proposals for systems development and should be able to bring an innovative approach to traditional Council IT situations.
Probably of degree standard, you should be able to demonstrate the ability to plan and review IT policy in a multi-discipline organisation.

OPERATIONS SUPPORT MANAGER
c.£16,500pa

Reporting to the IT Centre Manager and responsible for the activities of 14 staff, you should possess considerable knowledge of software support — preferably on a major IBM system. Network support experience on a medium sized network using both local and remote terminals, operational procedures and the installation and use of mini and micro computers and relevant software, ideally for the IBM PC, is essential.

QUALITY CONTROL MANAGER
c.£16,500pa

Reporting to the Head of ITG. One of your prime responsibilities will be to ensure that the requirements of the Data Protection Act are met, together with ensuring that controls, standards and security throughout the IT Group are of the highest order. You will be expected to be fully familiar with all aspects of Quality Control in a multi user environment. Close communication is required with Council departments and you should be capable of dealing with a high level of activity.

PROJECT MANAGER
c.£16,500pa

With at least five years' relevant experience including the development and control of a major computer system you will be responsible for a team of analysts and programmers and will quickly become involved in the planning and supervision of all stages of computer systems, from a statement of requirement through to user education and implementation. You will report to the IT Development Manager.

PHONE IN

A special direct line will be open through our consultants, Deanegate Management Services to our DP Line Managers. Telephone 01-240 9555 between 5.00pm-7.00pm on Wednesday 27th February (reversing charges as necessary) quoting ref 350 or alternatively write with full information to: Mike Haddow, Head of Information Technology Group, City of Westminster, Emanuel House, 10 Rochester Row, London SW1.

THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER 1985 CELEBRATION 1000 YEARS

Individualisation- Normalisation- Users Rights:

JARGON OR REALITY?

Barnet's Day and Residential Services haven't yet achieved the reality, but are well on the road. To help us continue in the process, we are looking for a

Principal Management Officer — *Re-advertisement*

up to £16,722 inclusive plus Essential User Car Allowance

As Deputy to the Head of Day and Residential Care, you would lead a committed, enthusiastic management group and take responsibility for a specific area of service.

If you have the relevant professional qualifications, demonstrated management experience in Social Services, and initiative in exploiting resources internally and externally, *write or 'phone for details to Eileen Sleigh or Alan Gorst on 01-446 1488. Ext. 260 or 239.*

Application forms (Ref. 191) from Director of Social Services, London Borough of Barnet, 1331 High Road, Whetstone, London N.20. Telephone 01-446 6857 (24 hour answering service). *Closing date: 13th March 1985.*

We welcome applications registered disabled people

LONDON BOROUGH Barnet

LONDON CHESHIRE HOME

HEAD OF HOME
Salary from £9,000

SRN required for a 19-bed residential south London home caring for disabled.

A challenging and rewarding post. The person appointed will need to manage staff and have the ability to administrate.

Application forms and further information from Athol House, Cheshire Home, or contact Margaret Baldwin on 01-693 8621.

WORK IN LEISURE

PGL offer opportunities to work with children or families for long or short periods as activity (outdoor, sports, creative) instructors, Group Leaders, or in a wide range of supporting domestic and administrative roles at residential activity centres
Details and application form from Personnel
PGL
Jobs 18-30's
PGL Young Adventure
604 Station Street
Ross-on-Wye HR9 7AH
Tel: (0989) 64211

DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY REGIONAL COUNCIL
Social Work Department

Hostel for Mentally Handicapped Persons
Newton Stewart, Wigtownshire.

DEPUTE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE
£8,262 — £9,795

ASSISTANT OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (30 hours)
£5,043 — £5,958

The hostel is a newly adapted building for ten persons in a residential area of Newton Stewart. This facility together with a new purpose-built adult training centre is part of a programme of developing services to the mentally handicapped persons within the region.

We are seeking mature imaginative persons for the above posts. These posts offer a challenging opportunity for progressive work with mentally handicapped people. Applicants should preferably hold an appropriate professional qualification or have relevant experience and be prepared to undertake appropriate professional training.

Sleeping-in duties will be in accordance of the needs of the establishment.

Informal inquiries to the **Area Senior Officer (Residential and Day Care), Stranraer, tel: 2151.** Applications stating age, qualifications and experience together with the names and addresses of 2 referees to the **Regional Personnel Officer, Dumfries & Galloway Regional Council, Council Offices, Dumfries DG1 2DD** not later than 8th March, 1985.

Canvassing directly or indirectly will disqualify.

AREA HOUSING MANAGERS
Up to £13,326 + Car Allowance

Intent upon making our services even more attuned to local needs, we are about to decentralise to 11 Area Offices. We, therefore, seek 2 'self-starters' to help us start up our first 2 Area Offices and to play key roles in the extantion of local housing services throughout the City.

You will be responsible for a part of the City which will in the next couple of years have 4/5 Area Offices. Taking immediate control of one of the first pilot offices, you will also need to start preparing the way for the opening – as soon as practicable – of the other offices in your area.

In this third tier post you will have considerable scope and delegated authority to shape the way in which the offices are organised and run. It will therefore, offer a rare opportunity to help determine how individual services are provided instead of inheriting pre-determined procedures and practices.

Initially, the 2 pilot offices will be responsible for repairs inspection and ordering, lettings visits and signing-up, rent payments, housing benefit and rent account enquiries and general estate management matters. These services will be extended to include most housing management matters as soon as practicable. *We want to walk before we run!*

Comprehensive on-line computer facilities will also be available at each Area Office to ensure that staff can give precise information and advice to callers rather than just acting as a postbox for the Civic Centre.

If you see yourself in either of these 2 posts you will no doubt be a full member of the Institute of Housing or hold an equivalent professional qualification and have a number of years practical experience in a busy Housing Department.

Assistance with relocation expenses and temporary accomodation is available in certain circumstances. Both posts attract an essential user car allowance.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from the Personnel Manager, 7th Floor, Arundel Towers North, Portland Terrace, Southampton. SO9 4ZF. or by telephoning Southampton (0703) 832832 (Answerphone out of office hours).

Closing date 15th March 1985.

Southampton City

An equal opportunity employer

A challenging opportunity in Leisure

MARKET RESEARCH ASSSISTANT
£8,181 — £8,919 inc. (Scale 5)

Dynamic? Determined? Adaptable? Imaginative? Practical? Interested in Leisure? Able to work to tight schedules? Capable of maintaining the high standards of research and management information already set?

If you can combine these skills with the ability to concisely extract and present policy implications from research studies and user figures, then you could be the person we are looking for.

Recreation Services deals with a wide range of leisure provision including sports, entertainments, halls, catering and bars, child play, parks and open spaces. You'll report to the Market Research Manager and will be responsible for the implementation of a range of market research programmes, as well as the development and maintenance of our management information systems.

You must have some practical research experience, knowledge of computers, a relevant degree and be able to develop your own approaches to projects wherever conventional pure research would not be appropriate.

You should also be able to work as part of a team committed to the marketing of leisure.

Fit the bill? Then contact **Recruitment Officer, Personnel Department, Town Hall, Forest Road, London, E17 4JF. Telephone: 01-531 5899 — 24 hour answering service.**

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

Please quote ref: C 6637.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
Applicants are considered for their suitability for the post regardless of disability, sex, race and marital status.

Waltham Forest

UJIMA HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Runs a programme of temporary and permanent housing for young black people in various inner city areas of London.

The following vacancies are now available:

AREA MANAGER
(Islington/Camden)
Scale SO1 £10,668 including Inner London Weighting

AREA MANAGER
(Haringey)
Re-Advertisement
Scale SO1 £10,104 including Outer London Weighting.

Area Managers are responsible for the running of all Ujima's housing and special projects in the area, including projects for single parents and unemployed young people.

SENIOR SINGLE PARENTS PROJECT WORKER
(Islington)
Scale 6 £9,723 including Inner London Weighting.

Responsible for running a single parents project based in Lennox Road, N4.

RENT CLERK/ARREARS CONTROL OFFICER
Salary c.£8,000 per annum

For job description and application forms, please contact: Ujima Housing Association Limited, Head Office, 413/419 Harrow Road, London W9. Telephone 01-960 5141 or 01-969 9690 (4 lines)

Closing date for all applications 16/3/85.

SENIOR TENANCY RELATIONS OFFICER
£9,780 — £10,362 p.a.

Required to deal with a multitude of enquiries from the cosmopolitan population of the Royal Borough, in which nearly 50% of the dwellings are subject to private letting arrangements many of which, because of the local demand for accommodation, are outside the provisions of the Rents Act.

As well as providing information, the duties include conciliating between landlords and tenants, and assembling evidence for the prosecution of cases of alleged harassment and unlawful eviction. The work is both challenging and rewarding.

Knowledge of landlord and tenant law is essential and experience in tenancy relations or associated areas would be an advantage. You should be able to handle enquiries with understanding and good humour.

The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

Application forms quoting Ref. G509X from the Personnel Service, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX. Tel: 01-937 8562 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date for applications 15th March 1985.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

PRINCIPAL OFFICER
Research & Development
Salary £14,358-£16,065
+ £657 per annum London Weighting

Applications are invited for this senior officer post within the Head Office Research and Development Section based at Barkingside.

We are looking for a qualified and experienced social work practitioner, educator and researcher, who wishes to work with all levels of staff in helping them to examine and write about their practice, develop their planning skills and to teach them evaluative techniques and methods.

Additionally the post-holder will supervise the work of a number of Barnardo Research Fellows, who will be working on major research projects within the divisions. The post will be based at Barkingside, but will involve working with several divisions.

It is anticipated that likely candidates will be currently working at a senior level in the voluntary or statutory sector or in higher education. Applications will be considered from applicants whose university polytechnic is prepared to second them for a period of three years.

Barnardo's is a Christian child care organisation and offers conditions of service broadly in line with local authorities Applications for posts are welcomed from persons irrespective of disability, marital status, sex or race

Application forms and further details from Miss A. R. B. Oakley, Personnel Officer (Head Office), Dr Barnardo's, Tanners Lane, Barkingside, Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG, or telephone 01-550 8822 (informal inquiries to Nora Dixon, ext 303).

CLOSING DATE: 4th March. Interviews to be held 7/8 March

Barnardo's

Assistant Director
(DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES)

£14,013 — £16,728 p.a.

The development and implementation of service policies for Cornwall are shared between three specialist Assistant Directors. The current vacancy for the Assistant Director (Development and Community Services) follows the promotion of the existing postholder, Mr. P. E. Hansen.

The post involves departmental responsibility for the co-ordination and development of community and domiciliary services to elderly, sick and handicapped people. Following extensive decentralisation in 1984, operational management is in the hands of three Divisional Directors, who are accountable to Assistant Directors for the quality of services provided to clients.

The Assistant Director will also assist the Deputy Director in relation to manpower planning and development, joint funding programming, cost management, information and research.

Applicants must possess professional qualifications, wide operational experience, knowledge of planning methods, and will preferably have received management training, in order to fulfil the demands of this challenging role as a member of the Department's Senior Management Team.

Further details, informal discussion and application form from Mr. Richard Lingham, Director of Social Services, or Mr. Peter Hansen, Deputy Director, at Old County Hall, Station Road, Truro, tel. Truro (0872) 74282.

Closing date 15th March 1985.

Cornwall

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING IN SOCIAL WORK

To be a member of a professional team dealing with CCETSW's regional work in the London and home counties areas, undertaking a wide range of duties including maintaining links with universities and colleges, liaising with local authorities and other employers and in other ways assisting in the promotion of training for staff in the personal social services.

Candidates should be qualified social workers with experience in social work practice, and should also have experience in teaching in institutions of higher or further education or in providing training for staff in social work agencies. Other kinds of relevant experience and qualifications may be considered.

Salary on scale currently from £11,521 to £16,856 p.a. (inc. LWA). Index-linked pension scheme.

Application form and further details from Personnel Section, CCETSW, Derbyshire House, St. Chad's Street, London, WC1H 8AD. Tel: 01-278 2455 Ext. 236. Completed applications should be received by Wednesday, 20th March.

Informal enquiries will be welcomed by the Head of the Office, Mr W. R. Millett.

SOCIAL WORK EDUCATION ADVISER
LONDON REGIONAL OFFICE
Salary up to £16,856 p.a. (inc. LWA)

CCETSW

Lancashire County Council

An Equal Opportunities Employer.

Chief Executive/Clerk's Department

SENIOR SOLICITOR
Grade PO (40-43) — £12,243 — £13,326 p.a.

Applications are invited for this important post based at County Hall. 'Casual car user' allowance; assistance with removal and settling-in in approved cases.

Application forms and further details from **Chief Executive/Clerk's Department, P.O. Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ. Telephone: Preston (0772) 263385 or 263384.**

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF REDBRIDGE
PERSONAL SERVICES DIRECTORATE—
PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Training Officer
Salary SO.2 (£11,061-£11,682 inclusive).

The Personal Services Directorate comprises Social Services, Housing Environmental Health and Standards together with Planning and Administration Services. We require a Training Officer who will be able to establish a framework around which the various training needs of the Directorate can be built. The officer appointed will largely work alone but will be given administrative support. The task will not be easy but will suit an officer experienced in assessing training needs who has the necessary flair, imagination and energy.

For informal discussion contact Joe Horak, Head of Training and Community Development on 01-478 3020 ext. 207 or 241.

Application forms and further particulars of job description from:— **Director of Personal Services, 17/23 Clements Road, Ilford, Essex or telephone our answering service on 01-478 3020 ext. 217 or 478 1542 outside office hours.**

Please quote Ref.: 483.

Closing Date: 15th March, 1985.

THE PEPER HAROW FOUNDATION

SECRETARY/ BOOKKEEPER

The Peper Harow Foundation has created A NEW POST for a well-presented person with excellent secretarial skills to work for this expanding charitable trust, established to influence the national psycho-therapeutic provision for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

The post covers a variety of tasks, including general secretarial duties, administration, research activities to support our in-house fund-raising organisation, and, importantly, bookkeeping to trial balance. (Knowledge of computerised accounting an advantage, though training is possible.)

This is a challenging opportunity for someone able to work independently, though with adequate support.

Salary negotiable, five weeks' annual leave, plus public holidays.

Send for further details and application form to **The Foundation Secretary, The Peper Harow Foundation, 14 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6AX.**

NUFFIELD COLLEGE, OXFORD OX1 1NF

GWILYM GIBBON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Applications are invited from men and women, preferably with experience of one of the public services, wishing to undertake a year's research into or study of, a problem in the field of government and administration. The fellowship carries free rooms, secretarial services, common table rights, and reimbursement of necessary expenses, but normally no stipend. In exceptional cases a supplementary stipend is payable.

Further particulars from the Admission Secretary. Closing date **Monday, 2 April, 1985.**

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST CANTERBURY

The Dean and Chapter of Canterbury invite applications for the post of:

VESTURER (Head Verger)

This is a full-time lay appointment. The person appointed will require proven management skills, and be responsible for a department with a staff of nine.

For job description and application form, please write to:—
The Receiver General,
The Chapter Office,
8 The Precincts,
Canterbury, Kent, CT1 2EG.

Applications close 31st March, 1985.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

PERSONNEL & TRAINING OFFICER
Scale P.O.9 — £13,326 — £14,358 p.a.

New post reporting directly to Director of Works and responsible for personnel management within Public Works Department. Key work involvements include departmental industrial relations, personnel management, training, management development, staffing and grading, and Health, Safety and Welfare. You will work closely with personnel staff within the Central Personnel Management Unit. Must be suitably experience and preferably qualified.

Application forms, returnable by 22nd March 1985, and further information from Director of Works, T.R. House, Redburn Road, Westerhope. Tel: 2716669.

City of Newcastle upon Tyne
This is an Equal Opportunities Advertisement

CHRISTIAN AID
seeks

PROJECT OFFICER

for Middle East and Horn of Africa. Preference for men or women who have worked in one or both regions. Administrative ability and sympathy with Christian Aid's aims essential. Though London-based, the Project Officer will travel 2-3 times a year to region. Salary £10,500 p.a.

Application form and job description from **Head of Aid, Christian Aid, P.O. Box No. 1, London SW9 8BH.**

Closing date: 22nd March, 1985.

ARBOURS
ARBOURS ASSOCIATION CRISIS CENTRE
Applications are invited for the post of

RESIDENT THERAPIST

in a small psychodynamically orientated residential crisis centre for June, 1985. Previous experience in working with severely emotionally disturbed individuals and a willingness to handle crisis situations is essential.

The therapist will be expected to reside at the centre and to work closely with team members in providing consultations, ongoing therapy (individual and family) as well as contributing to the therapeutic milieu.

Intensive training in crisis intervention and psychotherapy will be provided.

For further details and application form, write to Martin Jenkins, 41a Weston Park, London N8. Tel: 01-340 7646.

ORGANISER

PONTYPRIDD CAB
£8,532-£10,107

Hard nosed, hard pressed bureau needs an organiser with the following skills: ability to manage staff, welfare rights knowledge and experience of tribunal representation, experience of working with volunteers, understanding of valleys communities, ability to cope with stress.
Deadline 14th March. Interviews 25th March.

Application forms from: **Keith Morgan, Citizens Advice Bureau, 36d High Street, Graig, Pontypridd. (0443 409963).**

Citizens Advice Bureau

Victoria Health Authority
Westminster Children's Hospital

Play Workers

We require mature people to develop a play programme on the wards and in the Out-patients Department working as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

If you hold a Hospital Play Specialist Diploma or an approved play and child care certificate, please apply to **Kay Woods, Play Co-ordinator, Westminster Children's Hospital on 01-828 9811 and bleep.**

Application forms and job descriptions may be obtained from **Nursing Personnel, Queen Mary Nurses Home, 20 Page Street, London SW1. Tel: 01-828 9811, ext. 2186.**

Closing date, 15th March, 1985.

Finance Officer

A specialised role with management responsibility

c£16K Central London

The Housing Corporation is a progressive organisation which promotes, funds and supervises registered housing associations, working with them to provide homes for people in need. We currently administer a housing development budget of around £820 million, as well as providing guarantee facilities of £126 million to the voluntary housing movement.

We need to strengthen the finance team at our HQ with a *committed professional* who will:

- manage a team reviewing/assessing housing association accounts
- *personally appraise overdraft guarantee* submissions from our regional offices
- play a major role with the DOE and the National Federation of Housing Associations in developing finance policy and procedures
- train internal and external staff

Ideally we are looking for a qualified professional with a background in housing finance.

Essential requirements are the proven ability to research and develop policy documents and the skills to communicate financial issues with clarity, often to non-finance staff. The role will provide an excellent opportunity to build on your finance expertise and develop managerial skills.

An attractive starting salary will be negotiated according to experience, and could exceed £16K for outstanding candidates. Excellent benefits include index-linked pension scheme, flexitime and relocation expenses.

Please write with full career details to:
John Evans, Principal Personnel Officer,
The Housing Corporation,
149 Tottenham Court Road,
London W1P 0BN.

The Housing Corporation

Sometimes you can't see for looking...

...Unless You Care To Look Closer

We've taken a good look at problems within the Humberside Area.

It's a very attractive place; it's *fast moving and exciting*, surrounded by delightful countryside, but like everywhere, it's got its problems.

So when we came to step back and look at ourselves, and where we could be of most help, we stepped forward... into the Neighbourhoods.

We realised problems couldn't be really understood, let alone solved, *from the aloof distance* of Divisional Offices. We have set up small teams of residential, domiciliary, day care and fieldworkers who together tackle the problems of the neighbourhood... tackling *local problems with local* understanding.

And it Works. *We can boast a different approach*, a pioneering approach, but most importantly a successful approach to the many diverse needs of both inner city and rural problems.

If you're a qualified Social Worker with 2 years post qualification experience, newly qualified or are likely to obtain the CQSW this year, and would like to join in the Neighbourhood Approach as level III or level II Social Worker *then write to (or ring):* Paul Frost, Assistant Personnel Officer, Humberside Social Services Department, Phoenix House, Grovehill Road, Beverley, HU17 0JQ. Tel. 0482 867811 ext 212.

It's worth looking into.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD APPROACH
Humberside Social Services

Director General

Nairobi

AMREF

African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) is a charitable organisation providing a range of medical services in *the areas of primary* health care, training, medical research and clinical services, health behaviour and health education in the Eastern Africa region. It has an excellent reputation world-wide, and has about 300 staff with an annual *budget* of K£5 million. AMREF has national offices in Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. It is a dynamic, well-managed organisation and has good relations with its donors.

AMREF is seeking a Director General to build on the success it has achieved *to date. The Director General is based in Nairobi* and has full responsibility for the overall direction of AMREF; liaising with Government Ministries, securing the support of aid agencies and donors, and leading a highly motivated staff of many nationalities. This challenging position calls for a *dynamic individual, preferably a doctor or a medical expert*, with a background of research or health administration in a developing country. The successful candidate will have a proven record of raising funds at all levels in several countries, and in managing a not-for-profit organisation.

The remuneration package is tax-free and will permit a comfortable standard of living, and although the successful candidate may be able to earn more money in a different post, the satisfaction to be derived from this position, together with the remuneration package, will be more than adequate *compensation*.

Applications will be treated in strict confidence, and should *include full details of education, qualifications*, career to date, salary progression and a daytime telephone number.

Please send your application before March 15th to AMREF, 68 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15 2RP quoting ref. 1431/G on the envelope. All applications will be forwarded unopened for selection by Deloitte Haskins & Sells, Management Consultants Limited, our consultants at the address below.

Deloitte Haskins+Sells
Management Consultants Limited.
PO Box 40092, Nairobi, Kenya

GLC
Working for London

Project Control & Resource Management Division

This is a new division, responsible for the design, introduction and refinement of the new Project Control and Resource Management systems within the Council's Technical Services Departments.

We *now* require the following staff to provide administrative support to professional officers in the area.

Divisional Administrative Officer

Sound expertise in providing administrative support to professional/technical officers is required with proven staff *management and* communication skills. Applicants should have a good knowledge of new technology and management techniques.

Salary: £14,781-£16,545 inclusive. Ref: 5269.

Information Planning Officer

To take responsibility for the provision of administrative support to the Central Systems, Performance Improvement and Resource Model Section. Assisting in the preparation of the annual Information *Plan is a key area of activity.*

Two years' background in managing a large, diverse workload is called for with the ability to cope with rapidly changing priorities and good communication and staff management skills. Experience in computer based systems is essential.

Salary: £13,065-£14,781 inclusive. Ref: 5272.

For an application form, to be returned by 15th March 1985, write to: GLC Housing Department, IB2N, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 4771.

Training Administrator

This post will suit a numerate person with proven organisational, administrative and drafting skills and an interest in education and training. *In providing all round* administrative support to the Training & Development Officer responsible for craft and manual worker training, it involves assisting in the design and evaluation of training programmes, the allocation and monitoring of training budgets and the drafting of reports and documents.

The work is particularly interesting at this time as the Council embarks upon a major new initiative to encourage its manual workforce to make the most of the training opportunities available.

A commitment to furthering equal opportunities through the development of training opportunities is of course necessary.

Salary: £9,255-£11,325 inclusive.

For an application form, to be returned by 15th March 1985, write to: GLC Personnel Department, Room 318, The County Hall, SE1 7PB or telephone 01-633 5728/6650.

LONDON AGAINST RACISM

The GLC is an equal opportunities employer. We invite applications from women and men from all sections of the community, irrespective of their ethnic origin, colour, sexual orientation or disability, who have the necessary attributes to do the job.

These posts are suitable for job sharing

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL OFFICER (Assessment)

Langgarth, Stirling
PO I/II £11,568-£13,680

35 hours per week, to be worked in accordance with the exigencies of the service.

Within fixed limits, assistance towards expenditure incurred in connection with Removal Expenses and Legal Fees/Disturbance Expenses will be given where appropriate.

The Principal Officer will be responsible for the professional management and development of *the department's assessment processes in* respect of children with problems, and their families. Since the incumbent will have a regional role in chairing, co-ordinating and reporting on the conclusions of local Primary Assessment Teams, we are looking for a well qualified social worker with at least three years senior experience. Demonstrable experience of successful work in the areas of family dynamics, child development and deviancy is necessary.

For informal discussion contact Mr McCullough on Stirling 73111 ext 345/409.

Application forms and job descriptions may be obtained from the Director of Social Work, Langgarth, Stirling to whom completed applications should be returned by 15th March, 1985.

Central Regional Council
An Equal Opportunities Employer

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Development Officer for New Technology

Grade PO2
Salary £11,916-£12,900 pa

This is a new position carrying responsibility for co-ordinating all input to new systems development over the whole education service.

Advances in new technology are imposing *dynamically changing requirements: the* Development Officer will need to be flexible, innovative and alert to technical developments.

Although no formal qualification in computer studies, or related discipline, is necessary, a wide experience in public administration is essential, while a background of O&M or computer application is desirable.

Application forms and further particulars available from Director of Educational Services, Town Hall, Friern Barnet, London N11 3DL. Tel 01-368 1255 ext 225. Ref ADM/E/226.

Closing date: 13th March, 1985.

We welcome applications from registered disabled people

LONDON BOROUGH Barnet

ASSISTANT MANAGER

Southfield
6 Alexandra Grove, Finchley N12.

Applications are invited from men and women with experience in residential social work or in work with offenders for the post of assistant manager at this *residence. Southfield works intensively with a small* group of young men aged between 17 and 25, who have long histories of institutional care and whose *rehabilitation presents a considerable challenge.* The post is non-resident and the staff team comprises a manager, deputy and three assistants.

Salary will be on *RASC Grade 3: £7,212 to £7,986* (£8,403 if qualified), inclusive of London Weighting. Starting point will be according to experience and qualifications. An allowance of £10.03 per night is also payable for sleeping-in duties undertaken on a rota basis.

Forms of application (to be returned by 13th March)* and further information are available from the Chief Probation Officer, 1-4 King Street, Covent Garden, *London WC2E 8HN. Telephone: 01-240 1736.

MIDDLESEX AREA PROBATION SERVICE

Chief Administrative Officer

£15,312 - £16,341 (pay award pending)

Arising from a complete reorganisation of the Borough Treasurer's Department a number of career opportunities are now available to determined and ambitious applicants.

The new Chief Administrative Officer will be responsible for managing and co-ordinating the work of the Administrative Group *including the creditors'* payments, cashiering, insurances, staff administration and secretarial services. The scope exists for someone with flair and initiative to develop new systems in order to improve performance in these areas.

If you would like further information and an application form then 'phone Mrs. Divers on 01-690 4343, ext. 6. Closing date for return of completed applications: 15th March, 1985. Please quote Ref.: T.34.

Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes. The Council operates a scheme for flexible working *hours and applications from job sharers are welcome.*

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM

Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes.

LEWISHAM'S SERVICES *Lets keep them!*

CHERWELL HOUSING TRUST
WORK WITH ADOLESCENTS IN OXFORD
— A CHALLENGE

We are seeking a

Deputy Manager

with the special skills and qualities that are needed to assist in the running of a shared housing scheme for seven adolescents leaving care.

This project provides both housing and care and support to develop individual independence and practical skills, so as to enable residents to move on at their pace to completely independent living.

We are looking for a responsible person with an enthusiasm for and some experience of working with adolescents. The successful applicant will be expected to deputise for the Manager and assist with all aspects of the *running of the scheme.*

The post is non-residential but sleeping-in will be required on a regular basis. Salary £7,000 plus, depending on experience, age and *qualifications.*

Application forms and further information from:

The General Manager,
Cherwell Housing Trust,
108 Bullingdon Road, Oxford OX4 1RT.

or ring (0865) 250692 (Ms. Howarth) for informal chat.

SCOTTISH ATHLETICS

The Scottish Amateur Athletic Association, the Scottish Women's Amateur Athletic Association and the Scottish Cross Country Union invite applications for the new post of

ADMINISTRATOR

The successful applicant will be based in Edinburgh and responsible to a management committee of the above governing bodies for the efficient administration of athletics in Scotland.

Applicants should have proven administrative ability, be able to work on their own initiative and be prepared to assume a high level of responsibility. Duties will *include committee* work, the management of staff, dealing with correspondence and generally running the day-to-day business of the associations.

Salary scale *£8,493-£10,729.*

Details and application forms from: Scottish Athletics (MB), 16 Royal Crescent, Glasgow G3 7SL. Closing day for return of completed applications is 15th March, 1985.

ALCOHOLICS RECOVERY PROJECT
a registered charity and housing association

ARP requires a

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

to co-ordinate and manage all financial matters relating to the project. ARP provides a range of services for homeless people with drink problems.

Ideally, the suitable applicant would be fully conversant with Housing association and voluntary sector finance.

This is a challenging job requiring creativity and flexibility.

Salary: £9,780-£10,362, including London Weighting, under review. 5 weeks' annual leave.

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

Application forms and job description are available from ARP, 68 Newington Causeway, London SE1 6DF. Telephone: 01-403 3369.

ARP is an equal opportunities employer.

TECHNOLOGY IN PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

c£14,000 p.a.

DO YOU HAVE A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGY IN A PERSONNEL ENVIRONMENT?

We need someone who can combine the management of a small Central Administrative Group with a Special Project work. Your first assignment will be to review and update our current computerised Personnel System.

Subsequently you will tackle medium to long term issues related to the *Management Services and Personnel* functions.

Candidates should have at least five years experience in *either of these areas. A degree, MIPM, or IMS* Qualification would be an advantage.

Please write quoting Ref.G508 with full career details to: B. A. Di Mascio, Director of Personnel & Management Services, The Personnel Service, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, Kensington, W8 7NX, by 15th March 1985.

The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

HOUSING MANAGER

(PART-TIME)

Salary NJC Scale Point 28 to 32 pro rata.

To join a non-hierarchical team, and to be responsible for new lettings, arrears control, servicing the Tenancies and Lettings Committee and promoting tenant involvement in the Association. Experience in housing management duties and an appropriate professional qualification would be an advantage.

Further details from Cardiff (0222) 462142.

Closing date for applications: 8th March, 1985.

MOORS COMMUNITY HOUSING ASSOCIATION LIMITED
20 Splott Road, Cardiff CF2 2BZ

NORTHERN CONSTABULARY

CHIEF CONSTABLE — INVERNESS

Salary £27,519 (under review)

Applications are invited from serving police officers in the United Kingdom, qualified in terms of the Police (Scotland) Regulations 1976 as amended, for the post of Chief Constable of the Northern Constabulary based in Inverness.

The conditions of service for the post are as determined by the Police Negotiating Board for the United Kingdom. Rent, uniform and essential car user's allowances are paid. The appointment is subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

An application form and further details of the post are available from **Harold Farquhar Esq, Clerk to the Northern Joint Police Committee, Regional Buildings, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX (Tel 0463 234121 ext 550)** to whom applications including names of two referees should be sent marked "Appointment of Chief Constable" to arrive not later than Friday, 15th March, 1985.

Retired Executives

We urgently need to recruit a *force* of volunteers with a senior executive background for both fund-raising committee work at county level and other promotional tasks. We are seeking volunteers in most areas of the country, particularly in the North of England.

The men and women we are seeking will have worked at senior level in industry, the professions, commerce or in Government service. They will have an outgoing personality, enormous enthusiasm and well developed communications skills.

Whilst this work is voluntary, involving about two days a week, all normal expenses will be reimbursed. The real reward will be the enormous personal satisfaction of bringing to fruition a vital part of the Charity's objective.

Please write to Ian Ventham, Help the Aged, St James's Walk, London EC1R 0BE. If available, a cv would be most helpful. Local interviews will be arranged at which work options will be fully explained.

Help the Aged

THE FAMILY POLICY STUDIES CENTRE

INFORMATION OFFICER

The F.P.S.C. urgently requires an information officer. Background in social policy, economics, or related disciplines preferred.

Salary in the range £7786-£8706.

Closing date 14th March 1985.

For further details ring 01-486 8211/2 or write to:—

The Director,
F.P.S.C.,
231 Baker Street, London NW1 6XE.

Bradford & Northern Housing Association

SENIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Applications are invited for the post of Senior Development Officer in the Lancashire Regional Office of the Association based in Burnley. The duties of the post include the supervision, *under the general direction of* the Regional Officer, of the Association's development programme. The programme embraces both new building and rehabilitation with the aim of meeting all known housing needs and all forms of tenure.

The successful applicant will need to be fully conversant and experienced on all aspects of development activity from site finding, briefing consultants, contract management to final completion.

A relevant professional qualification would be an advantage.

SALARY: Circa £10,500 on a scale rising to £12,000.

A form of application and a job description may be obtained from: Mrs. Jean Kay, BRADFORD & NORTHERN HOUSING ASSOCIATION LTD., BUTTERFIELD HOUSE, OTLEY ROAD, BAILDON, SHIPLEY BD17 7HF, WEST YORKSHIRE. Telephone: 0274 588849, ext 242

FUND-RAISER CITY APPEAL

To join consultancy retained by national disability charity, to plan and implement fund-raising appeal, initially to the City.

If you know your way around The City and can represent our client at boardroom level, apply with cv to:

Peter Burns
PUBLIC VOICE COMMUNICATIONS LTD
South Bank House
Black Prince Road
London SE1 7SJ

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Assistant District Manager

— JOB SHARE

£13,491/£14,574 p.a. inc. pro rata for 17½ hours per week. Hours by arrangement.

We are looking for someone with an innovative approach to share this challenging new post.

To assist the District Housing Manager in ensuring the best possible estates management service is provided to Council tenants, advising on all aspects of estates management and service to tenants, including the effects of changes in Council policy and legislation, and deputising in the Manager's absence

You will have primary responsibility for all day-to-day issues, including control of the caretaking service providing supervision and support to up to three Area Team Managers and co-ordinating their work.

You will be responsible for the implementation of the Council's Equal Opportunities policies, and ensuring that all instances of discrimination or harassment are properly investigated.

A client/community orientated approach is essential. The Council encourages job-sharing as an important aspect of its Equal Opportunities policy. (Ref. 7/492/G.)

Informal enquiries to DHO Review Support Team on 278 4444, extension 2365.

Housing Associations Officer

£12,507 — £14,574 p.a. inc.

You will ensure Camden's compliance with legislation and its own priorities in all Housing Association matters.

Duties include managing a small team and ensuring the cost target is achieved. You will advise on all policy matters affecting Camden and its relationship with Housing Associations in the Borough.

Knowledge of how Housing Associations operate and are funded, with experience in the field of Public Housing Development an advantage.

The ability to manage and motivate staff as well as communicate effectively both orally and in writing as you will present Council policy at public meetings. (Ref. 7/1/G.)

Property Management & Sales in a progressive inner city environment

Camden has a number of challenging and demanding posts, involved with the sale of council houses and the management of leasehold property, in the Right to Buy/Owner Occupied — Property Management Group, which is part of the Estates Management Division of the Housing Department.

Principal Officer

£12,507 — £13,491 p.a. inc.

This is a one-year temporary post heading up the Group. Primarily, you will be responsible for ensuring that the Department adequately discharges (1) its statutory functions with regard to the Right to Buy provisions of the 1980 Housing Act and its later amendments and (2) contractual and management obligations under lease or sale agreements.

A good working knowledge of public sector housing law is essential, as is considerable experience of housing management in either the public or private sectors. A working knowledge of the principles of housing and local government finance would be an advantage. Excellent all-round management skills are essential. (Ref. 7/494/G).

Senior Management Officers

***Permanent Post:* £11,652 — £12,273 p.a. inc.**

You will deal with the preliminary work connected with the Department's statutory obligations under the Right to Buy Provisions of 1980 Housing Act (as amended) and any future legislation in this area. Emphasis will be given to protecting the Council's interests. Specific duties will include the creation of information retrieval systems and the processing of information to other council departments. You will also deal with enquiries from both within and outside the council — including prospective purchasers.

You will need extremely good admin. and communications skills, a willingness to adapt to changing circumstances, and be able to work to deadlines. Experience of working in a large housing authority and a knowledge of the statutory provisions of the Right to Buy scheme will be an advantage. (Ref. 7/495/G.)

One-year temporary post:
£11,652 — £12,273 p.a. inc.

Primarily you will deal with the management of properties sold by the Council — this will include overseeing leasehold properties and freehold houses with service charges. You will prepare guidance notes and committee reports and streamline the systems for dealing with service charge, estimating and service delivery, disputes and requests to extend/improve.

A good working knowledge of public sector housing is essential and you will need considerable experience in housing management, either the public or private sector. Knowledge of the principles of local government and housing finance an advantage. Excellent written and oral skills and an analytical ability to motivate staff and work under pressure. (Ref 7/492/G.)

For information enquiries please telephone Jeff Baker, on 01-278 4444, ext. 2222.

Application forms for all the above posts, from and to be returned to: Director of Housing, Bidborough House, Bidborough Street, London WC1H 9DB, or telephone 01-388 6935 (Ansafone) quoting the appropriate reference number. Closing date: 18th March, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Adult Care Development Officer

£11,964 — £12,810 p.a. (inc.) + essential user car allowance.

You will be a member of the Resource Development Team responsible for increasing community placement opportunities for socially vulnerable adults within householders supported lodgings and group living arrangements in housing projects. The team works centrally and has increasingly strong links with Area and Hospital Groups.

You must be suitably qualified with proven ability in community care and work with the elderly frail, mentally disordered and handicapped.

Camden is totally committed to its Equal Opportunities policies and in-service provision and employment. Members of ethnic minorities are under-represented in this work area in relation to Camden's population profile and applications from members of these groups will be particularly welcome to redress this imbalance. (Ref. 10/224/G.)

Informal enquiries to Mary Hennigan, on 01-837 3363, extn. 315.

Social Worker

£9,510 — £11,964 p.a. (inc.) + essential user car allowance.

To work as a member of a social work patch team in which members carry mixed caseloads and are involved in the developing projects in the Highgate Ward. Whilst the work is varied, there has been a relative increase in work with the elderly and mentally ill.

To fulfil the various tasks expected of a Local Authority social worker, taking into account the experience of the person appointed, the working arrangements of the Area Group and the needs of the Area.

You must have CQSW. Experience not essential.

Camden is totally committed to its Equal Opportunities policies in-service provision and employment. Members of ethnic minorities are under-represented in this work area in relation to Camden's population profile and applications from members of these groups will be particularly welcome to redress this imbalance. (Ref. 10/130/G.)

Informal enquiries to Roger Poyser, Team Leader or Ann Rose, Area Group Head, on 01-267 4211.

Organiser

LANGTRY YOUNG FAMILY CARE CENTRE, NW8

£9,780 — £11,652 p.a. inc.

We are in the process of implementing Camden's new under-fives policies and are looking for a person who, as well as ensuring that high standards of child care are maintained, will extend and develop Langtry's links with the community and maximise the use of its resources.

You will lead and supervise an experienced staff team in providing a stimulating, safe and caring environment, to offer support and advice to parents where appropriate and take responsibility for administration and overall organisation.

Substantial experience in the care of young children and a relevant qualification (e.g. NNEB, CQSW, CSS, Teachers Certificate) an advantage.

A commitment to the provision of a non-racist, non-sexist, multi-cultural service is essential. (Ref. 10/137/G.)

Application form from and to be returned to: Director of Social Services, Willing House, 356/364 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8BH, or telephone 01-837 5621 (Ansafone) quoting appropriate ref. no. Closing date: 18th March, 1985.

Camden Services *Too good to lose!*

equal opportunity employer

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, with equal opportunities for women, black/ethnic minorities, lesbians and gay men and people with disabilities, and regardless of marital status, age, creed/religion and unrelated criminal conviction. All posts are open for job-sharing.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

Management and Central Services Division

Administrative Trainee

Up to £8,577 per annum — scale 1/4

The Management and Central Services Division undertakes a wide range of functions including printing, purchasing, maintenance, hall lettings and management services, and we are looking for someone wishing to pursue or further their career in Administration.

Initially you would be responsible for the administration of building repairs to office accommodation, including updating and monitoring work expenditure on the costing system, recording works required, monitoring their progress and collating statistics and dealing with queries and complaints. A wide variety of interesting administrative work across other functions of the Division will be available to broaden the experience of the successful candidate.

Ideally, you should be numerate and enthusiastic, and the possession of suitable educational qualifications would be highly desirable.

For further details and an application form write to the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 9JU, Tel 01-741 0904 (24 hours), quoting Ref CM85. Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

Graduate Trainee Accountants

For Summer 1985. Commencing salary circa £7,500 pa

IF YOU HAVE
- ★ Or expect a 1st/2nd Class Honours Degree (any subject);
- ★ A strong commitment to the Public Sector;
- ★ Drive and ambition to become a qualified Accountant;
- ★ A flexible attitude;
- ★ Self-confidence and initiative.

WE OFFER
- ★ Excellent prospects for progression;
- ★ First-class professional training;
- ★ A structured programme of practical training.
- ★ A challenging and stimulating work environment;
- ★ The use of advanced computer techniques.

Further details and an application form from: Director of Finance, Town Hall, King Street, Hammersmith W6 9JU, or Tel 01-748 3020 ext 233. Please quote Ref FAADT.005.S.

Hammersmith & Fulham *An Equal Opportunity Employer*

Assistant Chief Environmental Health Officer

Salary £15,015 — £16,044

Applications are invited for this second-tier post.

The Environmental Health Department is a separate Department, the Chief Officer being a member of the Management Team. The postholder will be directly responsible to the Chief Officer for the management of the Residential Premises Group, for House and Area Improvements, the Administrative and Clerical Support Unit and will deputise for him in his absence.

Applicants must be qualified Environmental Health Officers with a proven track record in Environmental Health management.

Essential user car allowance is payable and a generous relocation package is available. (Ref. D4.)

Application forms and further details from Head of Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley, BR1 3UH. Tel.: 01-290 0324 (24-hour answering service).

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

London Borough Of **Bromley**

Lancashire County Council

An Equal Opportunities Employer

Property Services — Building Surveying Division

AREA MANAGER

Salary: P.O. 35-38: £10,716 — £11,562

Area Office, Westleigh, Preston

The person appointed will be responsible for the proper execution of the professional, technical and administrative procedures and duties involved in the maintenance of the County building stock within the area, and ensuring that policy and other directives issued from both Central and Zone Offices are carried out.

Applicants should be Associate Members of the RICS (Building Surveying Division) or taking the RICS examinations and/or equivalent practical experience with a minimum qualification TEC Higher Certificate or Diploma.

Application forms and further details are obtainable from the Department of Property Services, Central Services Section (Staff Management), P.O. Box 26, County Hall, Preston PR1 8RE. Telephone: Preston (0772) 263271.

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

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2 COMMUNITY SOCIAL WORKERS

Post 1 — Working with the Asian Community
Post 2 — Working with the Afro-Caribbean Community
Salary: £7,065-£10,107
Location: Gloucester

Applications, which will be positively welcomed from ethnic minority groups, are invited from qualified social workers for these new posts which are Section II funded.

Candidates should have relevant knowledge and experience of working with one of the above Communities as well as an understanding of their culture, language and religion. For the Asian Community post fluency in the Gujerati language and a knowledge of Islam is also required.

Although these are social work posts some experience of community work would be valuable. Much of the work, especially in the short term, will be to do with individual problem solving, however there will also be opportunities to develop longer-term innovative work in terms of help and support to community groups. A full current driving licence (car) is essential, and a car allowance will be paid. Assistance towards re-location expenses will also be paid in appropriate circumstances.

For further information please contact Mr. P. S. Lloyd, Team Leader or Ms. G. Robinson, Senior Social Work Practitioner: on Gloucester (0452) 27553.

Application forms and job descriptions, (please state which post you are interested in), from Director of Social Services, Bearland Wing, Shire Hall, Gloucester, GL1 2TR. Tel. Gloucester (0452) 21444 ext. 550.

Gloucestershire County Council

Equal Opportunities Employer

Due to the integration of our Personnel Services, two new posts have arisen at Leavesden Hospital, Abbots Langley.

ASSISTANT PERSONNEL OFFICER

The successful applicant will be part of a team providing a comprehensive Personnel Service for the entire Mental Handicap Unit.

The post-holder will deputise for the Personnel Officer when necessary and be responsible for advising Management on any Industrial Relations queries. He/she will also assist in designing training programmes as well as playing an important role in the current review of the Personnel function within the Unit. Candidates must have a minimum of 12 months experience in Personnel Management, and will be expected to progress towards a professional qualification. National Health Service experience although desirable is not essential. Salary: up to £9,580 inc.

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

The person appointed will be developing new recruitment and selection procedures necessitated by the recent joining of the Personnel Services, whilst at the same dealing with the day-to-day running of the department. This will include keeping records of terms and conditions of service and other Personnel matters, dealing with the existing recruitment and selection procedures and giving routine advice to Managers. Applicants must be graduates and although no previous experience is necessary, the degree must be appropriate and have included Industrial placements. Salary: up to £6,074 inc. For an informal visit for either post, contact Maggie Boyle, at the address below. For application forms and job descriptions write to: **Maggie Boyle, Acting Unit Personnel Officer, Leavesden Hospital, Abbots Langley. Telephone (0923) 674090. Extension 14. Closing date for completed applications March 13, 1985.**

• Also required: Part-time Resource Officer in Health Education. Salary up to £3,900, hours negotiable. For further details telephone The District Personnel Department on (0923) 46360. Ext. 290.

SOUTH WEST HERTS HEALTH AUTHORITY

INNER CITY ACTION ON DRUGS (North London)

An exciting new initiative in Islington, whose Management Committee has representatives from local charities, statutory and voluntary agencies and the London Borough of Islington require a

PROJECTS DEVELOPMENT WORKER

We are looking for an all rounder who will be able to co-ordinate the preparatory work for a Community Drug Team and for a Rehabilitation Hostel.

The successful applicant will preferably be someone who has worked in the drug field, but not essentially so. She/He must have a good knowledge of funding for voluntary agencies, and will be able to demonstrate good organisational abilities.

A fixed term contract of one year will be offered to the successful candidate, salary £10,248 (SO1) inclusive of London Weighting. It is envisaged that the Development Worker will become part of the permanent staff of the projects.

For further details please contact **Giampi Alhadeff on 837-2772/3.**

Closing date: March 15th.

ICAD is an Equal Opportunities Employer

PHONE-AID NORTH TYNESIDE

SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER

SALARY: Scale 5 £7,524 to £8,262 (Salary under review)

This recently established project, which is funded by the Inner Areas Programme, is seeking a full-time Officer to be responsible for the day-to-day management and running of the service, initially for a period of up to 3 years.

This Borough-wide service, which is based in North Shields, gives advice by telephone and personal visits to disabled people, carers, and professional workers on the wide range of cash benefits, services, facilities and sources of help available to people with any form of disability. It is essential that applicants have experience in advice and information giving and also of the needs of disabled people. Knowledge of the benefits available would also be essential.

For application form and further details, please contact Ms. Beryl Pain, Social Services Department, Central Office Citadel East, Killingsworth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 0YB. Telephone (091) 2682567.

Previous applicants need no re-apply.

Closing date: Friday 15th March, 1985.

PROJECT LEADER

required from late May for a multi-purpose dispersed residential project for ex-offenders and others in trouble. Relevant qualification and/or experience essential. A non-residential post, starting salary £8,712 (under review).

Closing date: March 27th, 1985.

Write or phone for job description to: **The Oakfields Project, New North Road, Exeter, Devon. Tel: (0392) 72356.**

The project is a member of Stonham Housing Association, which is an equal opportunities employer.

CIRCLE TRUST NEW CROSS CLUB

requires a

CLUB/OUTREACH WORKER

(21 hours per week)

The New Cross branch of the Circle Trust runs an evening club and several supportive housing schemes for homeless and isolated people. The club provides social activities and support for its members — many of whom have now settled in their own flats.

Additionally it is developing a programme of events to cater for its members needs in more specialised areas. The club/outreach worker is required primarily to maintain and develop links with potential referring agencies, particularly the club's own housing project.

S/he also shares club duties with other staff. The staff teams collective structure is shortly to be reviewed. Experience of work with single homeless people and/or community work would be an advantage.

An application has been made for funding to make this into a full-time post. The results of this application may not be known for several months.

Salary NJC scale 5 £7,524 + £1,248 outer London weighting pro-rata.

The post has two years urban aid funding. Closing date 15th March 1985. Application forms and further information from 308 New Cross Road, London, SE14. Tel 01-691 3381

An equal opportunities statement is currently being discussed with a view to implementing it as policy.

Housing Department

HOUSING ADVISER

Scale 4/6 £6,555-£9,114

A vacancy exists within the Housing Advice Section for a Housing Adviser. The section provides a comprehensive service of advice and counselling to all comers in both the public and private sectors over the whole range of housing and related problems, and is also involved in research and specialist work.

The person appointed will be based at the Housing Advice Centre, and the ability to work under pressure and on his/her own initiative is essential.

Applicants should have experience in housing, social work, advice work or similar. Starting salary related to experience and/or qualifications within the above Staff Development Grade.

Generous disturbance allowances available in approved circumstances.

Write for an application form (and further details) to the Director of Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Ipswich.

Closing Date: 13th March 1985.

Borough of IPSWICH

The Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer

THE ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE OFFICERS

GENERAL SECRETARY

Salary £10K (negotiable) plus car and fringe benefits

The Association of National Health Service Officers is a certified trade union representing approximately 5,000 white-collar workers in the National Health Service.

We are looking for a highly motivated, caring trade unionist to represent and serve our membership. The location of head office is currently under review.

Informal enquiries about the post may be made direct to the current postholder, Mr D. C. J. Mouser (Tel 09295 6712) or Mr D. J. Allaway (Tel Leeds 450271), who can also provide a copy of the job description.

Written applications to be sent to Mr D. J. Allaway, President, ANHSO, c/o Leeds FPC, AEU House, Bridge Street, Leeds LS2 7RB.

GREENWICH MENCAP

with the London Borough of Greenwich and London and Quadrant Housing Trust

DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER

£8,523 (non-resident)

Eight people with a mental handicap will live at 28 Vanbrugh Hill, SE3, from mid-1985, with support from professional staff (non-resident but with sleeping-in duties) and CSVs.

An energetic and committed person is wanted to work with the Project Manager providing guidance for staff and CSVs, and support to residents and their families.

For further information and an application form please contact Mrs F. McRobert, 14 Croom's Hill Grove, Greenwich, London SE10 8HB. Tel 01-858 2198 between 9 am-2 pm only. Closing date: Monday, 18th March, 1985.

COULD YOU FIND

TEACHERS, MEDICS, AGRICS, MINISTERS, SECRETARIES . . .

to work with overseas Churches in serving their local communities? The Overseas Division urgently needs an

OVERSEAS SERVICE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

to help recruit, select and prepare these people — and to share in making Overseas Division policy

Contract: Up to six years.
Salary: Not less than £7,500 plus housing and season ticket.

Further details from The General Secretary, Methodist Church Overseas Division, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR. Tel: 01-935 2541.

Application forms to be in by 14th March 1985.

ADVICE/ RESETTLEMENT WORKER

CENTRAL LONDON HOUSING ADVISORY SERVICE

Central London Housing Advisory Service was established in 1979 to give housing advice to single people sleeping rough and living in direct access hostels in central London. Advice is given mainly in housing surgeries in hostels and day centres. The workers also provide back up support and assistance with resettlement where required.

CLHAS is looking for someone to assist in the expansion of the service provided and to develop new ways of presenting housing advice information to hostel residents, staff and homeless people. We are hoping to expand our service to women's hostels in the near future. The new worker will work co-operatively with the other team member in all aspects of the Project's work.

Experience of giving housing advice in some capacity is essential and a driving licence would be an advantage.

Salary s.p. 28 (£9,780 including London Weighting). 25 days Annual Leave. 35 hours per week - flexible.

Application forms and further details from CLHAS, 16-18 Strutton Ground, London SW1P 2HP. Closing date 22nd March 1985.

CLHAS is funded by the GLC and is an equal opportunities employer.

CAMDEN RECYCLING LIMITED

A REGISTERED CHARITY requires a

MANAGER

Camden Recycling is a 50-place Community programme training project funded by the Manpower Services Commission and supported by Camden Council and located in London WC1. We renovate/repair unwanted furniture and electrical goods and are currently expanding our range of services to the community. The Manager is responsible for all aspects of managing the project and will be supported by a team of seven supervisory staff. Administrative and personal management skills and a knowledge of financial procedures are essential. Experience of training issues affecting the voluntary sector and the ability to motivate staff and trainees are also important.

Salary £10,400.

Please apply with full cv to: **Norman Beddington, Camden Recycling Limited, Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London WC1. Telephone 01-242 0157**

Closing date: 12 March.

An equal opportunity employer. Job sharing considered

DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING

This recently created Directorate has three divisions: Housing, Architecture, and Direct Labour Organisation Owing to the restructuring and a recent promotion, the District Council is looking for two of the Senior Managers of the Directorate

DEPUTE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Salary £13,641 — £14,991
(subject to job evaluation)

The District Council's Housing Service is being developed to provide a comprehensive service by way of Estate Management teams These Teams will be supported by specialist units concerned with Allocations, Rent Control, Maintenance, Repairs and Accounts
The District Council is seeking an experienced Manager to lead these Section Leaders in a unified manner, to provide a *high quality service to 10,500 District Council tenants*
The ideal candidate will be a Housing professional with at least five years' relevant Senior Management experience.

DIRECT LABOUR ORGANISATION MANAGER

Salary £12,990 — £14,025

The Administration has a commitment to expand their Direct Labour Organisation. It is now seeking a Manager who can *streamline the management and administration of the* Organisation to enable it to compete effectively in the market place so that high standards of workmanship may be enjoyed by all District Council tenants.The ideal candidate will have a proven track record in Contracting, either in the public or *private sector. In addition to Management and Technical* abilities, the successful candidate must be capable of estimating and tendering for Contracts under the Planning and Land Acts.

Further particulars can be obtained by telephoning Colin *Rowbury, Director of Housing and Architecture, on 041-776* 7171, extension 239. Application forms may be obtained by writing to the Personnel Officer at the undernoted address. Closing date for completed application forms is Friday, 15 March, 1985.

STRATHKELVIN DISTRICT COUNCIL
P.O. Box 4, Council Chambers, Kirkintilloch, Glasgow. G66 1PW

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chief Executive and Clerk of the Council

Salary Scale: £20,538—£21,861 + Election Fees

With the imminent retirement of the present Chief Executive/Clerk of the Council, applications are invited for this appointment, from suitably qualified persons in any professional discipline with extensive Local Government Service. *Proven management* ability and able to demonstrate leadership qualities and sound judgment at a high level.

The person appointed will be regarded as head of the Council's paid officials and leader of the Management Team and will be the Council's Chief Adviser on matters of general *policy, with responsibility for overall co-ordination,* organisation and effective management of the Council's Services.

The appointment is subject to the terms and conditions of the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Executives of Local Authorities.
Assistance in accordance with the Council's scheme is given towards removal expenses. Car allowance and car loan facilities available.

The area covered by Montgomery District Council which borders on Shropshire, lies in the heart of Mid-Wales and is renowned for its beauty and tranquility.

All things being equal advantage will be given to applicants with knowledge of Welsh.

***Application forms and details are available from the Chief* Executive, District Council Offices, Welshpool, Montgomeryshire, Powys (Telephone: 0938 2828, Ext. 292) to whom completed forms should be returned by 18th March, 1985.**

CITY ARCHITECT'S DEPARTMENT

Assistant Architect

Conservation Group

Salary up to £11,025

An enthusiast is sought, experienced and preferably qualified in conservation to join a team *looking after Manchester's heritage*
The Conservation Group is responsible for the care of 90 Listed Buildings, some of national importance, ranging from the 16th Century to the turn of the *20th Century*
The work consists of surveys, feasibility studies, preparation of annual budgets, schemes, working drawings for tender and supervision of works on site Further staff training in building diagnostics is being promoted to extend the skills available
Salary within the range Scale 1/SO2 to be negotiated based on ability, experience and qualifications
***Write to the City Architect's Department, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2JT or* telephone 061-236 3377, Ext. 618 for an application form. Closing date is March, 1985.**
Commencing salary point in the scale will be fixed according to qualifications and experience
A 5 day week of 35 hours is in operation under a system of flexible working hours
The City Council operates a Union Membership agreement under which a new employee is required to become a member of a recognised Union

MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependents.

DURHAM HEALTH AUTHORITY

Health Education Officer (Training)

Scale 4 £7,737 — £9,431

Applications invited from those with experience of adult education or training, or with the Health Education Diploma. The post is intended to be part of a skill based team, with specific responsibility for assessing training needs of key workers with a potential health education role, running courses, *evaluating them and on occasion devising new material.*

If you would like to discuss the post or the Department's plans *please contact* **Alyson Learmonth, District Health Education Officer, Appleton House, Earls House Hospital, Durham. Tel: Durham 64911, ext. 3360.**

Job description and application forms from Personnel Department, at above address and phone number — ext. 3208.

Closing date: 13th March, 1985.

STONHAM HOUSING ASSOCIATION
ELLESMERE PORT AND NESTON BRANCH
requires a

SENIOR PROJECT WORKER

for a housing project offering temporary accommodation to six single homeless people

It is intended that the Senior Project Worker would be responsible for the effective running of the scheme This would involve providing support to residents whilst at the project and preparing them for a move to more permanent, independent accommodation

Relevant experience would be an advantage This is a non-residential post although sleeping-in duties are required

SALARY £7 191

CLOSING DATE 13th March 1985

For further details and application form, please contact Mr. T. Pegrum, Secretary, County Offices, 85 Wellington Road, Ellesmere Port.

DRUG ABUSE!

A major problem in 1985. Can you provide some solutions?

Regional Drug Abuse Information/Training Centre, Liverpool

This Unit situated in Central Liverpool is being set up for an initial *period of 3 years to provide much* needed training development and consultancy services to both large and small agencies in Merseyside ranging from Social Services Departments to voluntary associations such as youth groups
By identifying the needs of these agencies and how best to deal with them we aim to provide training materials methods of *training and courses to enable* them to deal with their own clients
We will also be introducing an information bank to assist in producing up to-date reports information and educational material
Another interesting area of the Unit's work will be the opening of an open access centre providing the general public with information on drugs and drug related issues
As this is very much an innovatory project there is also an *emphasis placed upon effective* monitoring and evaluation and it being at the forefront of this new service appeals to you read on

DRUG TRAINING/ INFORMATION OFFICER

£10,861 — £13,183 p.a.

This interesting and demanding post gives the unique opportunity to set up and develop and manage this new Unit In this post you will have the *opportunity to get involved in pioneering this area* of training and education You will have the chance to put into action your own ideas relating *to the training of those dealing directly with the* problems of drug abuse and its prevention Liaising with both statutory and voluntary agencies, you will identify needs, develop material, organise courses and follow up their effect
Formal qualifications are less important than commitment and experience and we would like to hear from you if you have skills in any of the following areas social work (of particular value would be experience with drug/alcohol misusers), also of value would be experience of administration and training, any technical knowledge in the fields of audio-visual aids, design of training materials, etc., a clean driving licence would also be useful
Ref S 20

TRAINING AND INFORMATION ASSISTANT

£7,737 — £9,431 p.a.

Responsible to the Training Information Officer you will assist in organising training courses and teaching on them You will also be involved in preparing training materials, and included in your wide variety of work will be the setting up of a library containing information on drug abuse, monitoring the progress of the Unit and maintaining the Unit's equipment
You will also liaise closely with agencies in arranging training courses, develop a system of loan and hire of materials and assist in dealing with the public when they visit
Again, formal qualifications are less important than experience but you should have some *knowledge of the production of training and* educational materials, or related areas and the ability to take on some of the administrative work of the Unit *The ability to type is essential*
Ref S 21

If you feel you have the commitment and fresh ideas necessary for these positions, please contact the Regional Personnel Department, Mersey Regional Health Authority, Hamilton House, 24 Pall Mall Liverpool, L3 6AL (Telephone 051 236 4620) Please quote appropriate reference number
Closing date 14th March 1985

Mersey Regional Health Authority

Historic Buildings & Monuments Commission for England

FIELD MONUMENT WARDENS

Applications are invited to fill vacancies for permanent appointments as Field Monument Wardens with the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England. These posts, which are not pensionable, are part-time (approximately 42 hours per month). Some flexibility in working hours would be expected.

The Commission, established under the National Heritage Act 1983, has the duty of ensuring the care and protection of approximately 13,000 monuments, many of them in private ownership, which have been scheduled as protected under the Ancient Monuments Act 1979.

Field Monument Wardens, who work mainly from home, are required to visit and report to the Commission on the condition of the scheduled monuments in their area. The current vacancies are for Wardens for 18 areas, together covering the whole of England (excluding Lincs., GMC, Cheshire, W. Yorks., S Yorks., Humberside, Derby, Notts., Lincs., and Leic.).

Candidates should be aged under 62, physically fit and hold a full current UK driving licence. They must have a sound basis in, and *knowledge of, British Archaeology, particularly field monuments.* They should also be familiar with current agricultural practice, and have the ability to deal directly with members of the public.

Salary will be on a fixed rate of approximately £104 per month (linked to the salary scale for Clerical Officers). Travel expenses will be paid at rates current for the Civil Service.

NB: The Commission is an equal opportunity employer, its permanent staff are not Civil Servants, although their terms and conditions of employment are broadly similar to those in the Civil Service.

For further details, list of areas and an application form, write to Miss Louise Court, Room 223, 15/17 Great Marlborough Street, London, W1V 2UD, or telephone (01) 437 2604.

Closing date for applications is 22nd March, 1985.

English Heritage

Senior Social Worker

INTAKE TEAM

£11,061 — £11,682 p.a. incl.

If you have a flair for assessment and short-term work, enjoy working with all client groups, are an Approved Social Worker and want to supervise staff, then this may be the job for you!

We provide a Borough wide Intake Service and are looking for a Senior Social Worker who can be both practitioner and manager, deputising for the Team Leader and assisting with the organisation, management and professional work of the team. Essential car user allowance.

For informal discussion ring Margaret Mattingly, Team Leader, on 01-546 2121, ext. 3409.

Social Worker (Level 3)

£9,771 — £11,061/£11,373 p.a. incl.

This is an exciting new post in the Specialist Mental Health Team *Kingston Association for Mental Health are shortly to open a hostel in the* borough We seek a professionally qualified Social Worker to work closely with the Association and statutory agencies in preparing clients *for group living in the community. In addition to work with individuals and* families, you will be expected to develop plans for further adult placement schemes

For informal discussion ring Eleanor McMahon, Principal Officer (Specialist Mental Health Services) on 01-546 2121, ext. 3475.

Application form and further details from Staffing Officer (SS/HH), Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey. Tel.: 01-546 2121, ext. 3499.

Closing date: 13th March, 1985

ROYAL BOROUGH OF KINGSTON UPON THAMES

ST GABRIEL'S FAMILY CENTRE — BRIGHTON

SOCIAL WORKER

(SENIOR PRACTITIONER)

St Gabriel's is an established project which promotes a wide range of services to families, including a Family Work programme for young families "at risk", family therapy, marital and group work, women's *health resource, portage, training and consultancy Resources are* also provided for a wide range of user groups.

We are fortunate in having a committed staff group who offer a complex blend of therapy, educational and growth for families in need.

You will need to be an experienced social worker with imagination, flair and a sense of the ridiculous. This is a senior post involving support for the Family Day Care programme; family therapy; marital and group work; staff training; work with volunteers and students; and the development of the project in conjunction with the whole staff group.

Salary £8,532-£11,025 (subject to career grade assessment).

The Church of England Children's Society is a Christian organisation which seeks in staff a readiness to grow in Christian faith and life.

Interested? Telephone Graham or Jo — Brighton 605040. Application form / job description from St Gabriel's Family Centre, 18 Wellington Road, Brighton.

Closing date: 13th March, 1985.

The Children's Society.

Northern Ireland Economic Council

Principal Research Officer

£12,895-£17,489

The Economic Council is an independent body established by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to advise on economic policy The Council, which is *chaired by Sir* Charles Carter FBA, is composed of management, trade union and *independent interests.*

Applications are invited for the post of Principal Research Officer Duties will *include an overall responsibility for* the Council's research programme and detailed work on individual projects Good writing skills are an essential requirement for the post *Candidates* should have a higher degree and/or substantial research experience *preferably in Economics* or a closely related discipline

The Principal Research Officer salary *scale is £12,895-£17,489* and there is a non-contributory pension scheme Consideration may be given to the appointment of an exceptionally well qualified candidate at a *higher level*

Application forms and further details may be obtained from the Secretary, *Northern Ireland Economic Council,* Bullock House, 2 Linenhall Street, Belfast BT2 8BA, or by telephone from Belfast 232125. Completed application forms must be returned to arrive not later than 15 March 1985

RSPB WWST

Biologists, ornithologists, botanists, graphic artist, education officers required in and Wales from February 1985 for field work, education programmes, interpretative and information work, under MSC schemes with UWIST RSPB *and County Trusts Applicants must fulfil* appropriate unemployment criteria and currently be in receipt of benefit.

Full details of posts available from Liz Canaan, RSPB, Frolic Street, NEWTOWN, Powys (Replies only if s.a.e. included)

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS HOUSE LONDON

Fully experienced HOUSEKEEPER required for bustling modern centre Live in, meals provided, salary negotiable

Apply in writing with CV to Mrs Farr, International Students House, 229 Great Portland Street, London W1N 5HD.

Services worth defending

Defending services and fighting for the survival of democracy against Government attacks is the main task facing elected Members of Basildon Council.

Within this context Basildon's majority Labour Group are determined to implement Manifesto commitments and use the powers and responsibilities of the authority to bring about a fundamental and irreversible shift in the balance of power and wealth in favour of working people and their *communities.*

Leading Members require support and there is a vacancy for

Members' Policy and Research Officer

circa £12,000

The person appointed will work in the Town Manager's *Office providing research and other support to the Council* Leader and Committee Chairs to ensure the proper planning, efficient implementation and effective communication to residents of the Council's policies.

Prime requirements of the postholder are:
— *a personal commitment to local government and the* collective provision of caring services;
— the ability to work co-operatively with Members and other Council workers;
— ability to react quickly and accurately to requests for *information and advice on new developments;*
— a knowledge and thorough grasp of local government and the context in which the District Council operates;
— an imaginative and sensible understanding of the operation and policies of other agencies impinging upon residents of the district.

If you are interested in this post, for further details contact A. Seex (Basildon 294081). Application forms are available from the Personnel Section (Recruitment), Basildon Council, Council Offices, Fodderwick, Basildon, Essex, Tel Basildon 294216 (answering phone service). For further information or enquiries during office hours only Tel Basildon 294267/8.

Please quote Ref TM27/G.

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

BASILDON *The Caring Council*

GRANTA HOUSING SOCIETY LIMITED

is a registered housing association with an active development programme currently managing nearly 500 dwellings in Cambridge *Our wide range of stock meets a variety of housing needs* and we now have a number of hostels and group homes for vulnerable people with special housing needs. We plan to create the new post of

SPECIAL PROJECTS OFFICER

to supervise the management and development of this growing aspect of the Society's work e.g. housing mentally ill, mentally handicapped, frail elderly and single homeless people. The successful candidate should either have experience in developing special needs housing in *the voluntary sector, both in setting up new schemes and running* existing ones, or have a Social Services / Health Authority background and involvement in housing projects, particularly for mentally ill *persons. The Special Projects Officer will need management and* administrative skills to supervise the work of wardens and care assistants, liaise with other voluntary and statutory groups, negotiate with funding authorities, advise on budgeting and special needs policy and help initiate new projects.

This post represents a challenging opportunity to work in a friendly *office and help us meet a very real housing need. Salary in the range of* £8,000 to £10,250 plus essential car user allowance. Minimum 25 days annual leave and contributory pension scheme available.

For a copy of the job description or further information please contact* Mrs. J. Bouttell, at Granta Housing Society Limited, Lammas Field Pavilion, Newnham Road, Cambridge CB3 9HX or telephone *Cambridge (0223) 313051.

All applications in writing with full c.v. and names of two referees to be returned by Monday 18th March, 1985.

CHARING CROSS CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU
To join our busy team in Central London

PART-TIME ADVICE WORKER

3 days p.wk to work as a member of a collective, sharing all responsibilities and dealing with a wide range of problems while under constant pressure. CAB training an advantage, but relevant advice work considered. A knowledge of local ethnic groups would be useful. Salary Scale 5/6. (Ref: RCX1).

PART-TIME CLERICAL WORKER

2 days p.wk. typing and general administration work. Knowledge of CAB work an advantage. Salary Scale 2. (Ref: RCX2).

For job description and application form, send large s.a.e. quoting reference number to Tracy Winstone, GLCABS, *31 Wellington Street, WC2E 7QH.*

Closing date: 21.3.85.

As an equal opportunities employer, GLCABS wishes to encourage positively all applications regardless of disability, race, sex and creed.

Citizens Advice Bureau

CAN YOU HELP TRAIN MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS TO LIVE MORE INDEPENDENTLY?

Facility to Living and Assessment Together (FLAT) for the Mentally Handicapped in Southwark requires

RESIDENTIAL WORKER

(NON-RESIDENT)

Salary scale 4 Scp 19-23 plus payment for sleeping-in duties. Closing date 18 March 1985.

Contact: FLAT, 144 Abbey Street, London SE1 3NR, for further details.

AMENITY SERVICES

Assistant Directors of Amenity Services

£19,386 — £21,438

Applications are invited for two Assistant Directors, one to manage the Libraries Division and the other the Recreation *Division of our Directorate of Amenity Services* We are seeking people with commitment, resilience, the ability to work under pressure, to communicate effectively at all levels and, in addition to *managing their own division* to make a significant contribution to the overall development *management* and co-ordination of the Directorate s services.

Assistant Director (Recreation) (Ref A64)

As executive head of the Division, with an expenditure of around £2½ million and 160 staff, you would be *responsible for managing a range of services which include* physical recreation, arts and entertainments.
A relevant qualification is required, together with extensive experience.

Assistant Director (Libraries) (Ref A65)

As executive head of the Division, with an expenditure of around £4 million and 200 staff, you would be responsible for managing and developing the Borough's library service *A qualification in Librarianship is required together with* extensive experience
You will need to demonstrate in your application proven and successful experience of managing a large and complex part of an organisation and providing services to the public, including outreach services, in a multi racial inner city area. This will clearly include experience of managing a large group of staff and large and complex budgets. You will also have to demonstrate commitment and sensitivity to the principles and practice of the Council's Equal Opportunity Policy. Individuals can apply *for job sharing.*
Application forms obtainable from and returnable to the Senior Personnel Officer, Directorate of Management Services, *London Borough of Lambeth, 18 Brixton Hill,* London SW2. Tel 01-274 7722, ext. 3008.
Please quote the relevant reference number.
Closing date: 15 March, 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Training and Development in the Social Services.

The following posts are available within a well establishe training team responsible for implementing Directorate, *training policy. Training is a key factor in promoting the* Council's Equal Opportunities Policy. Successful applicants will be expected to vigorously pursue this Policy *and relate training to the needs of black people and other* minority groups. Personal experience of such disadvantaged groups would be an advantage. Work experience in a multi-cultural environment and awareness of the needs of a deprived inner city community is needed in addition to the training skills required for all these posts

Training Officer

(Ref. SP/578/A/G) £11,964 — £12,810 incl.

We have a vacancy for a full-time Training Officer to join a well established team responsible for a variety of aspects of the professional training of seconded employees.
The postholder will be responsible for those employees *seconded to CQSW training and for all aspects of student* placements within the Directorate. In addition you will have a key role to play in a variety of training and course activities designed to complement the professional training programme.
Candidates will need to possess a range of skills relevant to this area of adult learning and should have some experience of teaching or training in statutory or voluntary *sector. Training opportunities are a key factor in promoting* the Council's equal opportunities programme and a strong commitment to this policy will be expected from candidates *and the experience of working in a multi-cultural* environment is essential.
Individuals can apply for job-sharing.

Training Officer —17½ hours

(REF. SP/579/A/G) £11,964 — £12,810 incl. pro rata.

This opportunity arises from the *current postholder* wishing to job-share training responsibilities associated *with services to the Under Fives. Knowledge of this client group would be essential.* Approximately 80% of the children in our day nurseries are black and the candidate would need to demonstrate a knowledge of the dynamics of *working with black children and their families and the* implications of this for training and practice.
Candidates will also need to possess the knowledge and skills associated with the development and successful implementation of training strategies by means of a wide *range of training activities. Training experience,* either as a trainer or staff supervisor is required and understanding of the part that technological aids might play in training activity is desirable

Temp. Training Officer Mental Health

(ref SP/580/A/G). £11,964 — £12,810 incl.

This appointment is for a period of two years and will be concerned with the training programme for Approval of Social Workers (Mental Health Act 1983). This postholder will be expected to develop training concerned with Mental *Health. To bring current practice input to the training,* the holder of this post would spend up to half of their time in work with the Mental Health services in the Directorate *With the importance of the practice-teacher function of the* job, candidates will need to have had work experience in the Mental Health field, knowledge of disorders that affect *mental illness, current Mental Health legislation* and some teaching/training experience. Professional training in the Social Services and/or a professional qualification/degree in studies related to Mental Health is desirable.
Individuals can apply for job sharing.
For further information please contact David Roach or Wendy Clark on 01-671 5211.
Closing date: 14 March, 1985.

FOR SOCIAL SERVICES APPLICATION FORMS ONLY PLEASE TELEPHONE 01-627 0564 (24-HOUR SERVICE) OR WRITE TO: *THE RECRUITMENT SECTION, ROOM 500, 91* CLAPHAM HIGH STREET, LONDON SW4.

Benefits for most posts advertised include flexible working hours, subsidised staff canteen sickness and *superannuation scheme, generous annual leave.*

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING
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MANCHESTER 061-832 7200

DIRECTORATE OF HOUSING SERVICES

Housing Strategy and Information Officer

£13,983-£15,015

The Strategy and Information Unit has been restructured to meet the needs of an expanding department committed to providing an effective and efficient housing service to the people of the borough.

The Unit will be led by the Strategy and Information Officer who is expected to play a major part in ensuring that the Directorate and Housing Committee are provided with policy, performance and research advice and that the public is kept aware of what the Housing Department is doing.

The main responsibilities include: Collection, analysis and presentation of policy and management information for staff, Housing Committee and the public

Presenting regular performance data for the Housing Performance Monitoring and Budgeting Sub-Committee.

The development of Housing Investment and other strategies.

Making substantial input to all borough planning activities.

Supervision and co-ordination of training within the Department.

Publicity for initiative within the service and responses to legislation and other external information.

Supervision of research and survey projects and liaison with researches in other bodies.

Liaison with and monitoring of Housing Association activity in Greenwich.

Applicants should have a good grounding in housing from both a practical and an academic point of view. The person appointed will be expected to work closely with all members of the departmental management team and Councillors, and be able to suggest innovation and to monitor the effectiveness of the many changes which are taking place in Greenwich housing.

HOUSING DIRECTORATE RACE UNIT

The Race Unit is being created in the Housing Directorate to improve the access to and quality of the Housing Service to ethnic minorities; to ensure equality of opportunity and treatment and positive support and consultation through the development of links with the black community and the removal of any practices and attitudes which may result in disadvantage.

It is particularly important that the Race Units being set up in different Departments of the Council, work cohesively within the overall framework of work programmes devised together with the Central Race Unit.

The Housing Race Unit will work closely with the Council's Central Race Unit in the Community Affairs Section and Race Units in other Directorates, in the development and implementation of the councils overall Race Strategy, particularly in the areas of employment opportunity and positive action.

Race Relations Adviser (Housing)

£11,916—£12,900

Will be responsible to the Assistant Director of Housing Services (Central) for supervising the work of the Unit and Contributing to the joint working of Race Relations staff throughout the Council. The person will promote equality of treatment in Housing, establish ethnic monitoring and record-keeping procedures, carry out research on race issues and recommend changes in policy and procedures where necessary. An awareness of the current debates on Race and Housing is essential, combined with the ability to lead a team of workers

Of particular importance are the continued initiation and development of links with ethnic minority groups monitoring the Housing Committee's policies on racial harassment, and the development of a skilled race advisory and training capability in the Directorate.

We are seeking someone with Housing or Local Government background, allied to a good record of community and race relations work. Applicants must be resourceful, aware people, persuasive but at the same time conciliatory and enthusiastic about working in a Service continually in the public eye

Assistant Race Relations Advisers (Housing) 2 Posts

£10,034-£10,764

Will work with the Race Relations Adviser. They will be particularly concerned with the development of links with the ethnic minority community and the establishment of effective means of consultation so the Housing policies and procedures ensure equality of treatment for users of the Housing Service.

Equally important will be the ability to establish links with those sections of the Housing Directorate in daily contact with the public to support and to advise, guide and train them on race matters.

Again a Housing and Local Government background would be helpful, but more important is a record of community and race relations work, possession of communication skills and the ability to think clearly.

Application form from Director of Housing Services, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton House, 50 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, London, SE18 6HQ. Tel.: 01-854 8888 Ext. 3781.

DIRECTORATE OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Deputy Supervisor

£9,771-£10,764

Required at Woolwich Dockyard Adult Training Centre, SE18, a purpose-built Centre providing social education and skill development for 80 people with a mental handicap; fifteen of whom are cared for in the Special Care Unit.

We are looking for an experienced and qualified person (DTMHA or CSS/CQSW) who has a progressive approach, good organising ability and is able to offer support and guidance to staff in the day to day running of the Centre.

The post is a key part of the management team. The person appointed will have responsibility for some administration, be involved in programme planning, supervision of staff and be required to harness the skills of teaching staff and to promote high professional standards. He/she will also be expected to deputise for the manager in his absence.

For further information telephone the Supervisor, Tom Lowell on 317 8338.

Application form from Director of Social Services, London Borough of Greenwich Peggy Middleton House, 50 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, London, SE18 6HQ. Tel.: 01-854 8888 Ext. 3073.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT

Senior Assistant—Management Services

£11,916-£12,900

Greenwich is currently forging ahead with a development programme that will radically change the way in which it delivers its services. Management Services, with its Council-wide brief is at the forefront of these changes—*offering the skills of organisational development, design and implementation of advanced systems, and* productivity services.

If you think you have something to offer a hardworking unit, the basic commonsense to turn theory into practice—we would like to hear from you.

Experience across the range of Management Services disciplines would be a distinct advantage.

Applicants must be a member of the Institute of Management Services (or possess a relevant degree) in addition to three years relevant experience.

Application form from Chief Executive, London Borough of Greenwich, Peggy Middleton House, 50 Woolwich New Road, Woolwich, London SE18 6HQ. Tel.: 01-854 8888 Ext. 2034.

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

THE COUNCIL POSITIVELY WELCOMES APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN, ETHNIC MINORITIES AND DISABLED PEOPLE.

GREENWICH
People and Services First

SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING ADVISORY SERVICE

CARE IN THE COMMUNITY:

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR PRIORITY CARE GROUPS

SNHAS is a charity providing advice, training and consultancy to agencies who provide special needs housing. We wish to appoint an additional

HOUSING ADVISER

to join our existing team of three to meet demand from statutory agencies for our services to assist with the re-housing of priority care groups into the community from long-stay hospitals. The work will focus on Lewisham, and North Southwark Health Authority whose housing requirements prompted this pilot project.

Applicants should have experience of housing development either in the *voluntary or statutory sector, particularly special projects. An understanding* of staff support and management issues would be advantageous.

The postholder will have two office bases: one with the Health Authority near London Bridge and SNHAS's offices at Victoria.

Salary: PO1 Point 38 £12,810 (inc. LW) + 5% per dependent child (max. 3) and non-contributory pension scheme.

For informal discussions and application form, contact Ian Diamant or Penelope Seager on 01-222 5844. Address: 16-18 Strutton Ground, London SW1.

Closing date: 15th March 1985. Interviews: 25th March 1985.

Nottinghamshire County Council
Social Services

Senior Social Worker

(Substitute Family Care)
£10,404-£11,025 p.a.

A qualified and experienced Social Worker (male or female) is required for this new post at North East Area Office, which will enable adoption work to become Area based. The postholder will be responsible for the management of the Fostering and Adoption Work of the Area, the supervision of staff, and the leadership of the Black Fostering Project. The area is an inner city area committed to open fostering practice. It has developed its own group work method of foster parent assessment, and there is considerable involvement of area social workers in fostering practice. The person appointed will need substantial experience in child care, particularly relating to family placement work and have a strong commitment to promote Black Child Care issues and to develop the service for Black children in care. Knowledge and experience in the field of substitute family care for Afro Carribean children will be a considerable advantage. Relocation expenses where appropriate.

For further information contact Margaret McGlade or John Thom on Nottingham (0602) 506211 Ext. 297 or Ext. 309.

Requests for application form and job description should be made in writing to the Staffing Section, Social Services Department at County Hall.

Closing date 15 March.

Please quote ref: JW/951/110.

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VOLUNTEER ORGANISER

£10,000 pa

Volunteer Organiser required for South London Collective, to recruit, support and co-ordinate local people participating in the Settlements projects and initiating new community groups in North Peckham. Funding promised for one year.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applicants regardless of age, sex, racial origin, sexual orientation, family responsibility or disability (sorry, inadequate facilities for wheelchairs).

£10,000 per annum (incl London Weighting). Forty days' paid leave.

For application form and job description contact Pitt Street Settlement, 191 East Surrey Grove, SE15 5PP. Tel 01-701 0835. Closing date: Monday, 25th March, 1985.

PRISON REFORM TRUST
seeks

RESEARCHER

Three month contract to prepare report on prison rules in Britain and Europe. Salary £8,752 pro rata. Application and cv by Monday, 18th March, to Catherine Ginty, Prison Reform Trust, Nuffield Lodge, Regents Park, London NW1 4RS, from whom further information is available.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

The Department is progressive in the use of modern computing techniques and micro-computers. The main initiative currently being undertaken involves the development of systems and techniques for clinical and ward budgeting.

We are now looking for two people to join the Management Accounting Team, which provides financial information and advice over a wide spectrum both internally and to management at all levels.

Senior Management Accountant

Scale 14 £10,450 — £12,572 p.a. inc.

This is a supervisory post assisting the Principal Assistant Treasurer in the co-ordination of the section and also ensuring that Managers and Unit Management Teams receive a high standard of relevant financial information and advice.

You will need to be a qualified (or nearly qualified) accountant with relevant experience.

Assistant Management Accountant

Scale 4 £8,360 — £10,054 p.a. inc.

You will assist the team providing a full range of financial management accounting information and advice. This will give you a good background, and in fact, as a result of our excellent training, we were able to promote our existing Assistant Management Accountant.

So, if you have at least two years accounting experience and are working towards an accounting qualification why not find out more about this post?

Both posts are based at the Treasurer's Department in Edmonton, London, N18. Phil Roberts, Principal Assistant Treasurer, will be pleased to discuss the posts with prospective candidates on 01-803 1444.

Job description and application form may be obtained from the District Personnel Officer, Mountford House, The Green, London N15. Tel: 01-808 1081, ext. 107.

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

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HEALTH AUTHORITY

HIGHBURY ROUNDHOUSE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Roundhouse is a voluntary organisation in a multi-racial area. Currently the staff group at the centre does not reflect this. We are committed to developing anti-racist practices. All workers, who report to the voluntary management committee, are encouraged to participate in making decisions and carrying out policy.

We have two vacancies:

ASSISTANT COORDINATOR/ADMINISTRATOR

helps in the running and administration of the Roundhouse. The successful applicant will support the activities of groups including pensioners, children, youth and cultural activities. Work is centre-based and outreach with a wide range of responsibilities. Experience in community organisations, especially in the voluntary sector, will be considered more important than formal qualifications.

FINANCE WORKER

is part-time (12½ hours per week) post dealing with the finances on day-to-day basis. This includes salaries and wages, book-keeping, taxation and VAT returns, grant applications and financial reporting to *the treasurer and management committee. We are looking for a person* with proven experience in these areas.

For both posts applicants should have a knowledge of the position of black and minority groups and of the effects of racism.

Salaries: Assistant Coordinator: £7,941 p.a.
Finance Worker: £3,000 p.a.

Telephone inquiries are welcome, please phone 01-359 5916 or call into the Centre.

Application forms and job descriptions from:

The Highbury Roundhouse, 71 Ronalds Road, London N5.

Closing date is Wednesday, 13th March 1985.

Short-listed applicants will be invited to visit the centre, to obtain further information, on Wednesday, 20th March.

Formal interviewing will take place on Saturday, 23rd March.

Psychiatric Social Worker

Part-time. £9,759 to £11,307 pro rata

Required for 29½ hours per week at the Slough Family and Child Guidance Clinic based at the Slough Health Centre. The successful candidate will be part of a multi-disciplinary team working in the clinic and local schools. Applicants must have C.Q.S.W. plus relevant experience.

Application forms and further details from **Miss P. Trafford, Principal Psychiatric Social Worker, Child Guidance Clinic, 26 Bath Road, Reading RG1 6NU. Telephone Reading 56631.**

Deputy Officer-in-Charge

MIDDLE MANAGEMENT IN READING
£9,114 to £10,107

As a Deputy Officer-in-Charge of an elderly persons home you will be a key member of a management team of four. A high priority of the job will be to encourage resident participation in the running of the home., build up a recently started Key Worker Scheme and help introduce regular reviews of residents, as well as assisting in the development of staff supervision and training. A professional qualification like CQSW or CSS and/or recent managerial experience in either residential care or related *services for elderly people preferred. The Alice Burrows home is* situated in West Reading with easy access to town centre and M4. The home is purpose built for up to 52 elderly people with a small unit for a group of physically handicapped residents. The position is non-residential, but accommodation may be available on a short term basis. For informal discussion contact **Mrs Mylum, Officer-in-Charge, on Reading 55288.** Application forms from **Personnel Section, Social Services Department, Abbey Mill House, Abbey Square, Reading. Tel: Reading 586111. Ext. 500.**

Assistant Officer-in-Charge

£7,716 to £8,454 inclusive (up to £9,012 if qualified)

If you are a dedicated and preferably qualified, Social Worker and/or have experience of caring for the elderly, this could be the career development opportunity you have been waiting for.

Ladybank is a purpose-built home in one of Bracknell's neighbourhood areas caring for up to 40 elderly residents where *we are now looking for a capable, responsible and thoroughly* committed person to join us.

You will be assisting the Officer-in-Charge in the day-to-day management of the home which is run on a 'group' living basis and provides every opportunity for residents to maintain their independence and dignity. We are looking for someone with organising skills and an innovative approach to trying out new ideas.

A 39 hour week is in operation worked on a rostered basis, including some evenings and weekends. Sleeping-in duties will also be necessary for which a payment of £10.03 per night will be made. Accommodation may be available in appropriate cases.

For an informal discussion please contact **Wyn Gifford on Br. 59791.** For application forms please contact **Personnel Section, Social Services, Fitzwilliam House, Skimped Hill Lane, Bracknell, Berks. Telephone: Br. 426011.**

Closing date for ALL posts: 18th March, 1985.

Royal County of Berkshire

COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL

Director of Social Services

£23,500-£25,500

Can you maintain our progress

The City Council is seeking to appoint a Director of Social Services to succeed Tom White who will be leaving the authority in June to take up a senior appointment with a national voluntary organisation

The Director will take charge of a Department with an established record of progress and innovation across its services. Coventry Social Services currently has a workforce of almost 3000 people and a gross budget of £25 million in 1985/6.

He/she will be expected to:

- Ensure the progressive development of services
- Advise the City Council on Social Services policy
- Participate in the overall management of the authority

The person we are looking for will be a qualified social worker with significant senior management experience within a social services environment.

Interested applicants may telephone Tom White on Coventry (0203) 25555, extension 2032 for an informal *discussion after 26th February.*

Application forms and further details are available from the Head of Manpower Services, Room 57, Council House, Earl Street, Coventry CV1 5RR (telephone Coventry (0203) 25555, extension 2520) to whom they should be returned by 6th March, 1985.

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SENIOR GROUP SERVICES OFFICER

£12,243-£13,326

The person appointed will be responsible to the Assistant Director (Field Services) for the operation and control of the following services: Home Help, Domiciliary and Luncheon Club Meals, Handicapped Persons' and Meals Transport, Day Care of Children and Day Care of the Elderly, which have a total workforce of approximately 2,050.

The Senior Group Services Officer should have a knowledge and grasp of good management practice in the area of personal social services, as well as a commitment to the development of the services to meet changing needs and policies. The duties and responsibilities of the post are currently under review, and the appointment will be subject to variations stemming from that review.

The successful applicant must hold a suitable administrative or professional qualification.

Previous applicants will be reconsidered automatically.

Application forms, returnable by 15th March, 1985, available from the Director of Personnel and Management Services, P.O. Box 88, Municipal Buildings, Dale Street, Liverpool, L69 2DH (051-227 3911, Ext. 706).

The City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications irrespective of race, sex, marital status or disability.

LIVERPOOL
a Socialist Council

Cleghorn Housing Association Ltd.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Following a period of rapid expansion in the Association's work, the Management Committee has been reviewing internal structures and has decided to create a new post of Executive Director. This will be a key position within the Association, and the person appointed will be directly responsible to the Management Committee for policy formulation and advice on the future development of the Association. He/She will require to have very substantial working experience at a senior management level, either in Housing Associations or in other Housing Agencies. In particular, experience in forward planning and financial management will be essential requirements.

A professional qualification in housing or a related field would be a distinct advantage.

Cleghorn is the only community-based Housing Association in Dundee, with a substantial number of properties already in Management, and an active development programme of new build and rehabilitation projects.

The salary scale for the post is within the range £12,660 to £16,512, with placing on the scale to reflect previous experience and qualifications.

A detailed job description and further information about the Association is available from:—

The Secretary,
Cleghorn Housing Association,
31 Bellfield Street, DUNDEE.
Tel: (0382) 28541.

to whom written application giving age, qualifications, and full details of working experience should be sent to arrive not later than Friday, 15th March, 1985.

Informal enquiries may be directed to the Chairman of the Management Committee, Mr. W. Edgar, whose business telephone number is (0382) 23261. Ext. 46.

METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF **BURY**

PLANNING AND ARCHITECTURE DEPARTMENT

ASSISTANT PLANNING OFFICER

(DEVELOPMENT CONTROL)
SCALE 4-6, £6555 — £9114
(Plus Essential Users Car Allowance)

This post, which is within one of the three Area Teams of the Development Control Section, offers an excellent opportunity to gain experience of development control work in a Metropolitan Authority.

Applicants must hold, or be studying for, the Final examinations of the R.T.P.I. or hold an appropriate degree or diploma giving exemption from the First Examination of the R.T.P.I.

Forms of application obtainable from and returnable to the Chief Executive's Department, Town Hall, Bury BL9 0SW (Telephone 061-764 6000 Ext. 9 or 11) by the 4th April 1985.

PROJECT LEADER

(Non-residential)

£10,725-£11,355 incl. ILW

IFEOMA " a good thing", is a residential project located in Clapham with six units in three flats, providing temporary accommodation together with much needed support and care for six young black single parents.

We are looking for someone with managerial experience in residential social work; working with a small team of committed staff in a pleasant environment. The successful candidate is likely to be imaginative, flexible, and have experience of work with "client group".

The Project Leader will be primarily responsible for developing and managing the work of the project.

For job description and application form please contact: **Yvonne Ricketts, 441 Brixton Road, London SW9 8HE. Tel: 01-274 7722 ext 2389 or 01-274 7976 (24 hour answer phone).**

Closing date: 14th March 1985.

This is a readvertisement and previous applicants need not apply.

CCRL is an equal opportunity employer.

PROJECT MANAGER

Salary £8,400

Southall Community Projects Committee Limited now urgently require a person with proven Management skills to manage a 66 workers agency in Southall and Northolt. (Closing date 13th March, 1985).

For further details write to: **Mrs. F. Soames, 4-12 Regent Street, London SW1.** (with self-addressed envelope).

AGE CONCERN HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM
works with and for pensioners

FIELDWORKER

(APS £9,780 — £10,362 inc. London Weighting)

We require a Fieldworker to complete a small staff team. The fieldworker will develop new activities and support existing services in one part of the borough and have particular responsibility for all Age Concern information services. Experience of welfare rights and community development is needed.

For further information 'phone Brian Jones, or write for job description and application form to ACH & F, 87 Masbro Road, London W14. Tel.: 01-603 5591.

Closing date 18 March 1985.

ACH & F is an equal opportunities employer.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP

Salary Range: (£6,639-£7,434)

New Midland Housing Association based in Handsworth is active in the low cost home ownership field in the North Birmingham area. With particular emphasis on Improvement for Sale. The Association is also involved in the new Transferable Discount scheme and the management of a Co-ownership (Equity Sharing) development.

This is an excellent opportunity to broaden your experience in this new area of housing work. The job will involve finding suitable properties and liaison with estate agents, valuers, solicitors, architects, Building Societies, prospective purchasers and the local office of the Housing Corporation as well as the preparation of publicity and promotional material about the Association's activities.

The successful applicant is likely to be over 25 years of age, educated to 'A' level standard or above, and to have at least 2/3 years experience in the property or the Housing Association field. Numeracy, communication skills and the ability to relate to a wide range of people will be important. Applicants should have a clean current driving licence.

Please write or phone for further details and an application form to: **Joan Wem, New Midland Housing Association Ltd., 138 Hamstead Road, Handsworth, Birmingham B20 2QR. (021) 551 7701.**

Closing date: 8th March 1985.

EALING COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL
in conjunction with the Commission for Racial Equality
require

COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER

(Policy Development)

We seek a person possessing a clear understanding of the complexities of institutional discrimination in the public sector and other large organisations, who can conduct research and formulate specific equal opportunity strategies.

SALARY £8,919 — £11,582.

S.A.E. to Ealing Community Relations Council, 2 The Green, High Street, Ealing, W5 5DA. Telephone: 01-579 3861/2. For application form and details, to be returned by **Monday, 11 March, 1985.**

It's time to stand up and be counted

If you're a qualified youth and community worker or a teacher with youth experience, here's a chance to do something really worthwhile. Helping unemployed youth.
We've established an Out-of-Work Centre in Forest Gate in London's East End.
Jointly sponsored by the Borough of Newham and the Newham Community Renewal Programme, our Centre aims to provide recreation, counselling, literacy, numeracy and employment development for unemployed 16 to 25 year olds — primarily Afro-Caribbean young people.
To make the Centre really tick we need a

Project Worker

— a dedicated, motivated individual who really cares. Someone who can communicate with — and understand — Afro-Caribbean youth on their terms.

Salary is on a scale JNC 4 (Points 1 5)
£10,125 — £11,247 p.a. inc. London Weighting.

So, if you're ready to put a bit more into Life we would like to hear from you. Ring Rosemary Finch on 01-534 4545, ext.5732 or Paul Regan on 01-471 1024 for an informal discussion. Or for further details and an application form telephone or write to the Director of Education, Education Offices, 379/383 High Street, Stratford, London E15 4RD, telephone 01-534 4545, ext. 5765. Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

Research Officer

(Ref SP/355/8/A)
Salary £9,780 — £11,355 per annum inclusive

A number of vacancies have arisen for Research Officers in the Directorate of Social Services. Our programme this year has included studies of One Parent Families, Group Social Work, Luncheon Club use, a 'Fostering Shop', Home Care Patch Teams and the impact of Inner City partnership schemes on the black community in Lambeth.

Research Officers are responsible for preparing detailed proposals, choosing the appropriate Methodology, carrying out the research, analysing the results, writing reports and presenting the research findings. In addition, they undertake development work aimed at gaining acceptance of the research results within the Directorate. This requires active membership of a range of working parties. Research Officers will have the opportunity of working jointly with others in a team approach, or sometimes individually on their own projects.

We are looking for applicants from a range of backgrounds with a good grounding of Social Research Methods and Statistics. Ability to demonstrate research experience and application of research skills is essential. A degree or equivalent in one of the social sciences or a related discipline is desirable, as is familiarity with the use of computers and data analysis and an interest in information technology.

Given our commitment to promoting equality of opportunity and combating racial disadvantage, Research Officers are also expected to have an understanding of the social conditions and ways of life of black and other disadvantaged groups in Lambeth and Inner Cities generally.

Previous applicants need not apply again as they will be considered automatically.

The premises are adapted for wheelchair access.

Individuals can apply for job sharing.

For application forms and job descriptions please telephone 01-627 0564. For further discussion please contact: Vinod Kumar, Senior Research and Development Officer, on 01-720 0220, ext. 483, or write to the Recruitment Section, Directorate of Social Services, Room 500, 91 Clapham High Street, SW4.

Closing date: 15th March, 1985.

As part of Lambeth's Equal Opportunities Policy, applications are welcome from people regardless of race, creed, nationality, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or responsibility for children or dependants.

LAMBETH
SERVICES WELL WORTH DEFENDING

INTERESTED IN INFLUENCING SOCIAL POLICY?

We are looking for a:

CO-ORDINATOR (Social Policy Initiatives)

(based in Kennington, South London)

The Children's Society is a Christian, voluntary, progressive, social work organisation and we are aware that at both local and national levels there are issues of social policy affecting children, families, and communities with which we should be concerned in an influential way.

We need someone with experience in the social welfare field who has the ability to grasp issues, to collect and collate relevant information and to act as an advocate in the political process.

This new post is a responsible one which will enable the Society to present well argued cases in order to effect change.

Adequate administrative and consultative resources will be available. Competitive salary.

For application form/job description apply to: Miss C. W. Stone, Director, Church of England Children's Society, Old Town Hall, Kennington Road, London SE11 4QD. (Large s.a.e. appreciated).

Closing date: 22nd March 1985.

PROJECT LEADER

SOUTHBANK COMMUNITY PROJECT, TEESSIDE

Salary: £9,477-£11,025
(With performance assessment at £10,107)

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For informal discussion, please telephone Brian Hadley, Area Officer (Wolverhampton 732255 Extn 2715) or Mungo Duggan, Assistant Area Officer (Extn 2716).

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To contact us telephone Trevor Stockton or Chris Stewart on 0902 736431.

Application forms and job descriptions from Director of Social Services, Civic Centre, Wolverhampton. Closing date 13th March 1985.

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The post is based at NUS HQ.

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Application form and job description can be obtained from: **Sylvia Walker, Leeds Shaftesbury Project, The Basement, Oxford Place Methodist Church, Leeds LS1 3AX. Tel: Leeds (0532) 450267.**

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Please write for an application form to the **Personnel Manager (South), British Waterways Board, Willow Grange, Church Road, Watford,** quoting Ref 28/32.

Closing date: 13th March, 1985.

British Waterways Board

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Salary: Scale 5 to Scale 6 NJC
Closing date: 15th March, 1985

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DIARY

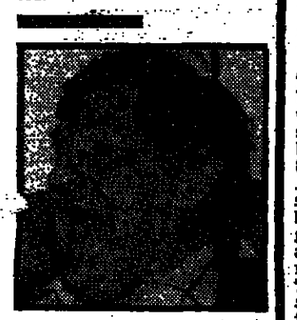
PONTING was, Cathy Messiter almost certainly won't be. Williams was. The Observer may or may not be. Lord Lewin probably won't be. Yes, the Offical Secrets Act is in a right old muddle at the moment. And yet the one person in the last three years to have passed on a real secret got away with a mild ticking off.

The person in question was a Wren stationed at Northwood, the headquarters of naval operations, during the Falklands war. The Wren was overheard by a colleague telling a friend in a pub the date troops would be landing at San Carlos — the crucial first invasion of the Falklands fighting.

Now this really was a secret — the sort that could lose lives. The matter was referred to the attention of both the DPP and the Attorney-General, even though they do not have direct jurisdiction in military matters. The law officers advised that she should be sacked. But then her former boss — a high ranking Marine — intervened and spoke up for her. Whereupon the girl was given her job back with a disapproving pat on the head.

The MoD refused to comment on the incident yesterday.

MRS EDWINA CURRIE, the widely-disliked MP for Derbyshire S, has taken to scrawling frank messages on NUS leaflets about the miners' strike. On one she has scribbled: "Crap. But since you've never earned a penny in your lives, how would you know? What stupid left-wing nonsense." On another she predicts a coal industry of 70 pits and 70,000 jobs. "And profitable, too."



READERS often ask for further details of Mr Bernard Ingham, the source closest to the Prime Minister. Indeed, there are those who even suggest that he does not exist since his utterances are without fail "off the record," or credited to "a Whitehall source." It is to stamp once and for all on such rumours that today I publish, for the first time, conclusive evidence of the man.

THE first advice on the threat of AIDS posed by taking communion has been offered by the Bishop of Oxford. In a letter to a local canon he advises dipping the bread in the wine — or "intinction" as it is known in the trade.

JUST two days before the Queen visits the Times, another suspected case of legionaires' disease — the third so far — has been reported among staff of the Sunday Times, whose building she will be visiting during the evening.

With remarkable spirit, though, the staff at the Times ploughed on with a rehearsal of her visit yesterday, with the part of Her Majesty played by the editor, Mr Charles Douglas Home. A list of the 51 members of the editorial staff who are to be introduced has been circulated, with the observation that it would be "more natural if there are no 'amateur photographers' in the working areas."

One word of caution to Her Majesty if she is still intent on going ahead: chlorine had been added to the hot water system in a bid to kill off the germs — so wash your hands before you go.

THE MIRROR is about to lose its second star columnist since Mr Maxwell arrived. Mr Peter Tory, its diary writer, is off to the Daily Star for untold riches.

ROMANIANS are currently celebrating 20 years of "light" under President Ceausescu. Alas, light is in short supply at the moment, with power shortages causing nightly blackouts throughout the country and TV cut to two hours an evening. There is very little heat available and gas pressure is so low the cooking is difficult. Thus a new breed of Romanian jokes: What is the difference between the temperature outdoors and indoors? "Indoors you have to pay for it." In another, a woman tires of the queues and goes out to shoot the President. She returns even more dejected: "The queue outside the palace is even longer."

Alan Rusbridger

Mrs Thatcher and friend : not shooting down the American dream

Star spangled banter

Peter Jenkins

SOME intense arguments within the Government preceded the Prime Minister's visit to Washington last week. What was she to say on the subject of her friend the President's dream of rendering nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete"?

Mrs Thatcher was ready to give positive endorsement to the "Star Wars" research programme. She had been persuaded that the Soviet researches into anti-missle technology were extensive and must be matched. The logic of that postion was that the 1972 ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missle) Treaty would have to be re-negotiated if it was not to be abrogated.

The contrary position — strenuously argued by the Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Haseltine — was to urge the United States to be prepared to negotiate on Star Wars research in the context of the Geneva disarmament talks. That position implied a firm stand on the ABM Treaty which should be reaffirmed before too great a technological and political momentum built up against it.

This important argument ended in a compromise. The fact that Mr Heseltine was permitted to accompany her on her triumphant progress to the American capital was, perhaps, a part of it. She won the enthusiastic applause of Congress for her endorsement of the Star Wars research programme, but in the small print of her text did not depart substantially from the position enshrined in the four points agreed at Camp David. She neatly coded the British misgivings about the President's iniative in a quotation from Winston Churchill: "Be careful above all things not to let go of nuclear weapons until you are sure, and more than sure, that other means of preserving the peace are in your hands."

Mrs Thatcher's first instincts on any subject are seldom a reliable guide to the policy subsequently adopted. She appears to have taken some initial persuading to take the critical position she took at Camp David in December and some more persuading to more or less hold to that line as she did last week. A good way of seeing what Whitehall really thinks about Star Wars is to take the Camp David points and examine the fears which lie beneath them.

The four points are: 1, That the purpose of the United States and the West was not to achieve nuclear superiority but to maintain balance. 2, That in view of treaty obligations (ie the ABM Treaty) deployment of strategic defences would have to be a matter for negotiations. 3, That the overall aim was to enhance and not undermine deterrence. 4, That the aim of negotiations should be to reduce the offensive armoury on both sides.

These four points of assurance can be restated as four fears: One: That the purpose of the President's Strategic Defence Iniative (SDI), or at least its effect, is to close the so-called "window of vulnerability" and, by protecting the US Minuteman force against the supposed danger of first strike, to restore the United States to a position of superiority. Then, of course, the Soviets would feel themselves to have a "window of vulnerability" and would act accordingly. The arms race would spiral upwards.

Two: That the US will in the end be driven to abrogate the ABM Treaty. The administration insists vigorously that it has no intention of doing so, but in Washington the star warriors talk openly of the treaty as if it were a dead letter. The Secretary for Defence, Mr Caspar Weinberger, is on the record saying, "I am ruling out the possibility of giving up a strategic defence either in the research stage or, if it becomes feasible, in the deployment stage." British experts believe that already by next year the US will be wanting to carry out tests which will be, at the very least, of dubious legality under the treaty.

Three: That the SDI will undermine deterrence in a number of ways. It will delude people into believing that there is an escape from the dilemmas of the nuclear age — and from the cost of providing deterrent defences. By offering the illusion of invulnerability it will provide the temptation to launch a first strike. Deployment of missile defences by the Soviets would undermine the credibility of Nato's strategy of "flexible response" which rests on the threat of a nuclear response to an overwhelming conventional assault. The credibility of the British and French deterrents, and public support for them, would be eroded for the same reasons.

Four: That the SDI, far from resulting in a reduction in the number of offensive weapons, will result in a great burgeoning of the arms race. If defences, say, 50 per cent effective were deployed by one side, the other would increase its offensive capability by 50 per cent. The more effective the defences, the greater the number of missiles required to overwhelm them. Not only that but the defensive weapons themsiles required to overwhelm selves would probably be vulnerable to killer satellites, which would mean another twist to the spiral. In any case they would not be effective against cruise missiles which can fly in beneath their gaze and require a futher panoply of hideously-expensive air defences.

To this list we should add two futher concerns, no less important. The first is that the American insistence on the Star Wars programme will be clever enough to pronegotiations due to open in Geneva next month on reductions both in strategic systems and the intermediate, European-based cruise, Pershing and SS-20's. Arms control and East-West dialogue would be the practical casualties of what is probably a technological fantasy.

Alternatively, the Soviets wil be clever enough to propose substantial reductions in their offensive weapons in exchange for a Star Wars embargo. This would be attractive to European public opinion, but the Americans say "no" and there are new tensions within the alliance.

A second concern is about the economic consequences of Star Wars. A Congress running scared of the stupendous US budget deficit will be searching for cuts in the President's huge defence budget. If it votes the $26 billion for Star Wars over the next five years, it may seek still harder for economies elsewhere.

It will be ages before anti-missile weapons are ready for deployment — not until the mid-nineties. The star warriors may have the upper hand in Washington now, but the battles within the administration are only just beginning.

The Secretary of State, Mr George Schulz, and the arms controllers may prevail over the Pentagon people. Mrs Reagan and her White House favourites may succeed in persuading the President he would do better to find a place in history as the man who signed a disarmament deal with Moscow than as the man who launched the arms race into outer space.

This leaves the British Government with a tricky hand to play. If the Americans are going to be encouraged privately to do a deal in Geneva, their early negotiating positions will have to be supported publicly. Star Wars is their chief negotiating chip. The star warriors can claim, with a good deal of justice, that without SDI the Russians would not now be back at the negotiating tables.

President Reagan's prospectus for ridding the world of nuclear weapons appealed powerfully to basic American instincts boned by history. It presented a vision of safety and superiority, free at last from the contaminating world. It said an Hallelulah to technology and revived the old American faith that there ain't nothing which can't be done. It held out the hope of a manifest destiny regained after the nuclear fall.

Europeans are not given to such extravagant hopes. Their history teaches different lessons. Looking across the Atlantic now, they see the United States exercising a manifest technological superiority; they see a million tourists flashing over-valued dollars. The widening Atlantic is now opening once more into a gap between the peoples; there is a risk of a de-coupling of public opinions. Star Wars is beyond the means and beyond the wildest dreams of Europe. We are only at the beginning of the troubles it will cause.

PAUL BROWN on a gulf between Greens and Government

Waste not, want not

GREENPEACE dumped five tons of mud from the Ravenglass estuary in Cumbria on the doorstep of the Department of Environment in London yesterday to draw attention to the continuing discharge of radioactive waste into the Irish Sea. The action also focused on the whole issue of nuclear waste, and the difference of opinion between groups like Greenpeace and the Government on how to deal with it.

Currently, the spectre of being chosen as a site for a nuclear waste dump causes communities from Orkney to the Thames Valley to form groups to protect themselves. They look to groups like Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth for expert help. So far, reassuring noises from the nuclear industry, backed by a £1 million advertising campaign, have done nothing to quieten their alarm. But they are uncertain about how to protect themselves.

The Government's view is that the managed disposal of nuclear waste is safe and inevitable, and a geologically suitable site must be found. But the Greens ask protestors to reject this. They do not even accept that it is necessary to produce most of the waste.

The controversy stems from the main source of the waste, the giant reprocessing plant at Sellafield (formerly Windscale). Figures produced by the Central Electricity generating Board at the Sizewell inquiry make the Green case. For every four cubic metres of nuclear waste brought out of a power station, Sellarfield prouces 2.5 cubic metres of high-level waste, 60 cubic metres of intermediate-level waste, and 600 cubic metres of low-level waste.

Greenpeace, which has campaigned for the closure of the Sellafield works because it wants to stop the pollution of the Irish Sea with plutonium and other radioactive substances, find these figures support both that campaign and that against dumping. Along with Friends of the Earth, they have long said that dry storage of nuclear waste is the answer to the industry's problems until a way is found of neutralising radioactivity caused by the nuclear process.

If reprocessing stopped, then the volume of waste produced could be managed well into the next century and the business of waste disposal could be avoided.

Mr Peter Wilkinson, Director of Greenpeace, who has won much support from other European nations in his campaign to stop the Sellafield discharges on the strength of his organisation's technical papers, is resigned to a long struggle. "It is hard to convince people in the Home Counties that the Government that they voted in may have got something as fundamental as nuclear waste management wrong. At a meeting in Bedford, a veteran of the successful Billingham anti-dumping campaign said all groups against waste disposal should join together to become Britain Against Nuclear Dumping, but it was too fundamental a point. The fall in house prices, loss of jobs, and the dangers of low-level radiation to their children are the arguments which get to them, but they are merely arguments to move it somewhere else."

The Nuclear Industries Radioactive Waste Executive, formed to get rid of the nuclear industry's waste, do not accept any of the Greens argument. It talks about industrial nuclear waste and a safe disposal site as essential. The Government, despite bland assurances, is in no doubt of its difficulties. Although it says it hopes to have a low-level "depository" opened by 1991, it has already warned submarine bases to make provision for 20 years storage rather than ten.

Aside from the arguments that we do not need to make the waste at all, many scientists think that Government assurances about safety of radioactivity are not necessarily right. Evidence presented to the Australian Royal Commission sitting in London recently, said that the international bodies that set safety limits for the industry may not be "independent," as the Government suggests. Experts on them have links either with the nuclear industry or Governments or industry-funded research at the universities. The Greens pushing the opposing view recognise themselves as anti-nuclear.

The Australian Commission heard that the British Government was being told as early as 1952 that all radioactivity was harmful. International bodies set up by pro-nuclear governments then suggested radioactivity "limits" for workers which implied that lower levels were safe.

It has taken 30 years for that assumption to be questioned openly. As Mr Wilkinson puts it: "Our main battle is education. If we can get our ideas across to people so they question the Government's assumptions, then we might still stop the dumping. If not, then the Government will win by setting one community against the other and not have to answer the question of whether to dump, but where."

RICHARD BOSTON on the great cheese robbery

De Sica's La Dolce Latte

LASTweek ten armed men broke into a cheese factory in Parma and made off with a quantity of cheese with a street value of nearly quarter of a million quid. Italian police say it was the biggest cheese robbery in the history of crime. It was not, of course, the biggest crime in the history of cheese That was committed years ago by the major cheese producers, aided and abetted by the Milk Marketing Board and the supermarkets, who transformed the noble Cheddar into mousetrap, replacing the carefully-matured real thing wrapped in muslin with that soap-like substance that comes in slabs wrapped in cellophane.

The Cheddar criminals, who are still at large, must hate cheese. The Italian Great Cheese Robbers love it. I say this on the basis of no evidence other than that the cheese they stole was Parmesan. It is a cheese that has a value far beyond its price (steep though that is).

In 1666 when the Great Fire of London had been burning for two days, Samuel Pepys decided it was time to get out. A cautious man (in these matters atleast) he was worried that if the house survived the fire it might fall to looters, theives or burglars Accordingly he took all the sensible precautions as advised by the police, locking everything up securely, cancelling the milk and the newspapers and so on. But with what he called his "Parmazan cheese" he took no chances at all. He buried it in the garden, along with his wine, and dug the lot up safely when he returned ten days later.

Parmesan is one of the three or four great cheeses of the world, along with Wensleydale, Stilton, Cheddar (real of course), Roquefort, Saint Nectaire, Camembert (if you can find a good one, which is almost impossible nowadays), Emmenthal and a few others (I realise that comes to more than three or four, but who cares?) The point is that the brain behind the Great Cheese Robbery in Parma knew what he was doing, and it must have been the summit of his career.

I imagine him being born in the slums of Naples at the end of the war. His name was, let us say, Franco Bollo (Italian for postage-stamp). The part of of his father is played by Anthony Quinn, his mother by Anna Magnani. We'd better have Vittorio de Sica directing this early scene, in which we see the young Franco go into a shop, cause a diversion and run out with a hundred grams of Bel Paese. One thing leads to another and soon he is pinching Ricotta, Mozzarella and even Gorgonzola.

His fame grows as he becomes yet more audacious. He strolls casually into a cheese shop, his eyes narrowed to the merest slits, and pulls out his sawn-off shot-gun (played by Alan Ladd). "All right, buster," he says in his thick Neopolitan accent. "Just be sensible and nobody'll getta hurta. Now hand over the Dolce Latte, real slow."

The Polizia, the carabiniere and all the other many Italian forces of law and order are at a loss. A special Cheese Squad is formed, to no avail. They lay a trap for Frances on getting a tip-off that he's going to hit a kilo of Pecorina in Cantania. Instead he lifts three kilos of Provolone in Naples, not a hundred yards from the gutter in which he was born. Soon he is known as the Butch Cassidy of cheese.

Bu now he's in the big time, having risen swiftly through the ranks of the criminal cheese fraternity. We will probably never know precisely what part he played in the Danish Blue Massacre in which Albert Camamberto, Francesco (Welsh Rabbit) Fedele, Joe Straciatella, Dante Gabriel Risotto and nt fewer than six members of the Pasta family were filled with more holes than a Gruyere. What we do know is that the very next day Franco was unanimously elected to the Godfather post of Capoformaggio, or (as we say in English) the Big Cheese.

I should have mentioned that Franco is played by Robert Redford. Or Clint Eastwood, or Gerard Depardieu. Sylvester Stallone is too obvious. Dustin Hoffman might be all right. And we've got to find parts for Elsa Martinelli, Claudia Cardinale, Silvana Mangano AND Marcello Mastroianni. I had no idea that making a film was so complicated. It's amazing how many things you have to think about at once. Incidentally, what happened to Monica Vitti Perhaps she's still wandering aimlessly about that island in L'Aventura.

Anyway, back to the script, as Franco (what about Alec Guinness or Peter Ustinov) calls together the heads of the cheese families of the whole of Italy and Sicily. Each in turn kisses the left shoe of the Capoformaggio. Then he outlines his plan.They're going for the big one, El Gorgo (yes, I know that's Spanish, but we're aiming at an international audience). Not Gorgonzola this time, or Bel Paese or Ricotta or Mozzarella, but Parmesan. The heads of the families gasp their amazement. Nor is that all. Franco, the Napoleon of cheese crime, has come up with an idea of genius, a concept as different from breaking the safe of a High Street bank is from emptying the vaults of the Bank of England (They're probably empty already, so change that to Fort Knox).

Cut out the middle man. Why rob shops when you can go straight to the wholesaler. Why rob the wholesaler when you can go straight to the manufacturer Well, you know the rest. There hasn't been such an inspired crime since someone stole Sir Geoffrey Howe's trousers on a train.

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If only central banks would be more irresponsible they might achieve more

NOTEBOOK

Edited by Hamish McRae

ON ANY sensible assessment of the balance of probabilities that was not the turning point of the dollar. But it felt like it.

We have been so dramatically, dismally, disastrously wrong in calling the turn of the dollar that it is difficult to assert with any confidence that we are now seeing the final speculative blow-off that will complete the dollar's climb and mark the start of its plunge. But having been wrong so often before perhaps numbs one to the pain of being wrong again. One might as well, so to speak, be hung for a sheep as a lamb.

What you can safely say about yesterday's movement on the foreign exchanges is that the trading was extremely nervous; that you do not get a plunge of the dollar against the German mark such as took place in the afternoon in Europe and continued in New York in the evening here unless there is something of a panic to unload the currency; and that the judgment of the US Federal Reserve chairman, Paul Volcker, is enormously respected by the markets

On the last point, it looks very much as though it was Mr Volcker's testimony which swung the markets round, and altogether more helpful intervention than that of our Prime Minister who said that there was nothing much that could be done about the dollar.

In fact there was some central bank intervention yesterday which may well have helped a bit in altering sentiment. Fortunately the foreign exchanges were not listening to the House of Commons and they managed to ignore the Prime Minister's hand wringing — or was it hand-washing? — about our currency.

That much can be asserted with some confidence. The next bit is harder. For a jumpy, nervous market does not of itself signify a change in direction. We could be on a spiky outcrop short of the real summit. If the central banks had any self-confidence left they would now use this moment to intervene on a large scale in an attempt to turn yesterday's dip into something more significant. But their stocks of self-confidence, like their stocks of dollars have been severely depleted in recent weeks.

No, you cannot assume that the central banks will do the right thing. The reverse is more probable. Their bureaucratic instinct to try and maintain orderly markets runs counter to current needs. What they should be trying to do is to make mischief: to act in a random, occasionally perverse way to make life as miserable as possible for the speculators. Alas a sense of apparant irresponsibility and exhuberence comes hard to the central banker.

So the markets will probably have to inflict the pain upon themselves: the central banks cannot be relied upon to do it for them. Given this, the majority view that the dollar's speculative bubble is still be be burst may well be right

On that view, the dollar will recover yesterday's setback and surge up to a new peak. That new peak may see sterling below $1 for a moment or two. Then, at some future unspecified date there will be another upsurge which will indeed mark the final turning point, the moment from which the dollar's plunge takes place.

But the minority view that that folks, was it, may alternatively be right ... at last.

What you can be quite sure of, is that when the dollar does finally turn it will be in hectic market conditions like yesterday's

Full circle

CAN a (relatively) cheap pound enable Britain to recoup some ground as a basic industrial producer?

Yesterday saw some encouraging news from a company in a sector which many have argued Britain must inevitably vacate. The sector is textiles and the company Vantona Viyella.

The general point is a very simple one. Textiles have historically been the first sector in which emerging industrial nations have made their mark. Look at Britain's own industrial heritage; look at Japan after the Second World War; look at Hong Kong; look now at India. Each country has employed a textile base as a crucial manufacturing sector at a certain early stage of industrial development. Each (with the exception of India) has been squeezed out of the sector as other cheaper labour countries have moved in.

But now the wheel has come full circle. We are a reasonably cheap labour country. Whether this is good, bad or indifferent is irrelevant. It is a fact. Where does this place us in textiles?

A year ago an interesting test case was set up. Vantona, run by Mr Davoud Alliance, and which had made much of its money making military uniforms, took over that ravaged grande dame of the British rag trade, Carrington Viyella. We usually think of Viyella for its young fogey woollen shirts and those rather nice up-market children's tights, but in fact it represented a sizable chunk of what was left of the British textile industry. It was also virtually bust. Could Mr Alliance achieve a rescue?

It was an extraordinarily important challenge most immediately for the people who worked for the group, but equally to establish a principle: it ought to be possible to rescue a company like that, given proper commercial skills and disciplines, and given the exchange rate. If it could not be turned round then we might as well give up and become Eurobond traders or waiters or whatever.

It has worked. Mercifully, as reported on page 24, the company has had an extremely successful year, and without shedding jobs on any large scale. It is actually taking on labour.

Perhaps the most intriguing question of all is why it took an outsider — for Mr Alliance is Iranian — to show the established northern textile industry how to do its job. But that is a story for another day.

Second inquiry into proposed Dee takeover is not ruled out

OFT reconsiders Booker bid

By Mary Brasier

The Office of Fair Trading is considering the possibility of a second inquiry into the bid by Dee Corporation for Booker McConnell only a month after the Monopolies Commission cleared the original £232 million takeover.

The OFT is concerned that a £6.7 million deal announced last week by Booker to expand its cash and carry interests through the acquisition of Fitch Lovell's wholesale business may affect the conclusions of the MMC report.

Dee is currently making a second attempt to win control of Booker with a new bid valuing the group at £338 million. OFT concern centres on the degree of competition that might exist if Dee succeeded in taking over Booker's enlarged wholesale interests.

"We are considering the implication of Booker's acquisition and are trying to decide if we should advise the Secretary of State whether there should be another inquiry because of the competition aspect," said a spokesman.

Such a move would be highly unusual and would not be welcomed by either side in the current takeover battle between Dee and Booker. Both companies believe that the Booker/Fitch deal makes little difference to the overall picture in the cash and carry trade and agree that the OFT's fears are groundless.

Booker director Mr Barry Skipper said that the acquisition represented a "golden nugget" for the group but that it would add only another 1.5 per cent to Booker's market share and 13 depots to an existing network of 102.

Booker is already the largest group in the UK wholesale grocery business, and the Fitch deal adds another £52 million to sales and an estimated £1 million to profits in a full year.

The Fitch depots are mainly in the south-west of England where Dee is poorly represented, so is unlikely to revise Booker's original estimate to the Monopolies Commission of 30 locations where Dee and Booker are in direct competition.

Managing director Mr Jonathan Taylor said he believed the MMC report had already given a green light to consolidation in cash and carry and he would not welcome a new Monopolies reference.

"As far as we are concerned the MMC situation is over and done and we are getting on with building a business and profits for the future."

The future of the wholesale business was a key area for consideration by the Monopolies Commission which spent six months looking at Dee's bid. However the report concluded that: "Competition in cash and carry will continue to be strong enough for the merged company to need to pass on to its customer most if not all of the benefits from improved terms it may obtain from manufacturers."

That conclusion echoed an earlier verdict in 1983, when the MMC cleared Dee's bid for Fitch Lovell saying the merger would not materially aggravate the existing imbalance between the bargaining power of food retailers and their suppliers.

Lawson 'cannot blame EEC'

By our Economics Staff

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Lawson, will not be able to blame the EEC if he decides to put Vat on items like newspaper adverts, children's clothes and building in his March 19 budget, the all-party Treasury Committee of the House of Commons said yesterday.

In a report which examines the pressure to extend VAT to six specific categories, the MPs conclude that no change is necessary for "European reasons" since the EEC Commission's pressures result more from bureaucratic desire to harmonise tax regimes than a strong legal case.

The European Court would have to judge whether Britain's zero-rating was legal, though in the committee's opinion it is. Even if the court decided against Britain, the categories of goods are small in number and the revenue from a 15 per cent rate would be limited to about £350 million a year.

The categories are live animals used for food (with other feeds), sewerage and water to businesses, newspaper advertisements and news services, fuel and power supplied to businesses, building (other than social housing), and industrial safety wear.

In the Treasury committee's view, these categories come within the possible exemptions allowed by article 28 of the Sixth Directive which allows the zero-rating in force in 1975 to continue "for clearly defined social reasons and for the benefit of the final consumer."

The idea that some purchases of zero-rated goods did not benefit final consumers because they were made by traders is dismissed as "pedantry" since the cost or lack of it is certainly passed on to the consumer. "In our view, therefore, the Commission's objections are those of form, not of substance, and spring from . . a desire for harmonisation for its own sake," the report says.

The committee concludes that any change, if it is made, would be solely for domestic reasons. "The decision is a political one on which we make no judgment. . . . A British Chancellor can make his own decisions for his own reasons."

Wilson travels for ICE

By our Trade Correspondent

THE FORMER Prime Minister, Lord Wilson of Rievaulux, is to visit China in May. He will be acting on behalf of the ICE Group, a hitherto virtually unknown company which helps British firms to break into the Chinese market.

It is Lord Wilson's first directorship of a British company. He joined the board at the end of last month, but news of his appointment has only just leaked out.

Lord Wilson : off to China

ICE, founded four years ago, is run by Egyptian-born Mr Roger Shashoua. The company's particular speciality is advising clients on the transfer of technology and know-how through joint manufacturing agreements. It deals mostly with small and medium-sized firms

A quite different approach will be taken by Lord Young, the Minister without Portfolio, who sets off today for two weeks in China at the head of what has been called the most distinguished trade delegation ever to leave Britain.

Lord Young has said that the mission, which will visit Peking, Shanghai, and Canton before travelling on to Hong Kong, could clinch deals that will eventually be worth "billions."

ICI takes big stake in US seed producer

By James Erlichman, Chemicals Correspondent

ICI threw its acquisition net deep into the American heartland yesterday when it took a substantial stake in one of the biggest seed producers in the United States.

The deal puts ICI into direct competition with other multinational corporations which are steadily increasing their control over the seed banks of the world's staple crops. They aim to reap profits by designing and patenting new super-strains of seeds whose yields and disease resistance will become irresistible to farmers.

ICI is acquiring a minority stake in the Garst Seed Company of Des Moines, Iowa, for an undisclosed sum. ICI would only disclose that Garst had sales revenue last year of about $80 million.

Mr Stephen Garst, one of the general partners of the privately owned business, refused any information saying: "I don't want to tell our rivals just how big we are."

But competitors who know the US seeds business believe that ICI has paid at least £20 million to take a near-controlling stake in Garst, which is the third largest producer of maize seed in America.

The oil giant, Shell, and large chemical and drug conglomerates like Ciba-Geigy, Sandoz and Pfizer, have all acquired big seed producers in recent years.

It is significant that ICI has clinched the deal through its agrochemicals division which is expanding fast to become the fifth largest pesticide producer in the United States. The chairman of the division, Mr Ronnie Hampel, believes that companies with heavy investment in conventional pesticides must look to the future by using genetic engineering skills to design the crop strains of the coming decades.

ICI has an excellent reputation for agricultural genetics but it lacked both the techniques and markets of a major seed producer. ICI narrowly failed last year in a attempt to buy the seed divisions of the Swedish group, Cardo.

The Garst stake also underlines ICI's determination to tackle growth markets in the United States across a wide range of activities. The company has not denied reports that it is negotiating with Genentech, the biggest and most profitable biotechnology company in the United States.

And a big increase in US earnings will help ICI to break the £1 billion profit barrier when it announces its 1984 results tomorrow.

Oil off Wick for Texaco

By John Hooper, Energy Correspondent

Texaco yesterday announced that it had started to produce oil from the Highlander field, 180 miles east of Wick. Highlander is the latest of several fields which would not have been economic to develop but for recent technological advances and the tax changes in the 1983 budget which have encouraged the oil companies to exploit them.

With reserves of only 35 million barrels, Highlander is too small to make it worthwhile building a special platform. So, with production at the Tartan field eight miles away starting to run down, Texaco is to use the platform which is already in operation there.

The oil in the Highlander field will be brought to the surface by an underwater production facility remotely controlled from the Tartan platform. The production facility, which will be capable of running up to 12 wells, is due to be installed during the summer. Until then, the production will come from remotely-controlled wellheads attached to wells drilled during the appraisal of the field.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lloyd's raises limits

INDIVIDUAL Lloyd's names are to be allowed to write up to £1 million of business under a revision of the market's existing premium limits. The chairman, Mr Peter Miller, has written to agents telling them that the current ceiling of £600,000 will be raised. The new maximum is expected to add around £300 million to Lloyd's overall capacity at a time when worldwide insurance business is staging a recovery.

The recently published Bird consultative document on Lloyd's membership recommended that individual premium limits be abolished but the proposal has found little favour with the Lloyd's authorities.

THE UK beer market has probably bottomed out, but there are as yet no grounds for forecasting a resumption of significant growth, the Brewers' Society chairman, Mr Ewart Boddington, said yesterday. The beer trade was being depressed by the persistently high level of unemployment and a "punitive" level of taxation. The industry, which is planning to invest over £2 billion in pub development over the next three years, is urging the Chancellor to "leave beer alone" in the coming budget.

HONGKONG and Kowloon Wharf and Godown, the company controlled by Sir Y. K. Pao, yesterday raised its takeover bid for the shipping and property group, Wheelock Marden, to HK$2.5 billion (£298 million), topping the rival HK$2.4 billion offer from Falwyn.

THE LONDON and Manchester Assurance group topped up its stake in Aitken Hume International with another 100,000 shares yesterday, taking it to 9.18 per cent. Aitken is in talks with Fleet Holdings, the Express newspapers group, over a possible "beneficial association."

THE FORD Motor Company yesterday won the largest contract ever awarded in the UK by a car hire company when Avis Rent A Car placed an order for a package of 7,000 vehicles, costing a total of £37 million.

BRITISH Caledonian Airways is seeking approval to launch the first non-stop air link between London and Tokyo, knocking almost three hours off the 14½-hour flight time. BCal wants to introduce its service in spring, 1986, some months ahead of similar plans for non-stop flights by Japan Air Lines.

THE GOVERNMENT has given the all-clear for Harrisons and Crosfield's £107 million takeover bid for maltsters and animal feedstuffs group Pauls. The Trade and Industry Secretary has decided not to refer the planned acquisition to the Monopolies Commission for investigation.

Reuters' shares fall as profits rise to £74m

By Maggie Brown

Reuters, the news and financial information agency, yesterday announced 1984 profits of £74.3 million, up 34 per cent on the previous year, and slightly ahead of the £70 million forecast when it was launched on the stock market last June. But the news was greeted with a 10p fall in the share price, which closed the day at 365p.

This was partly connected with confirmation from the Reuter board that it is paying a steep $57.5 million for privately owned Rich Inc of Chicago, a designer of communications systems connecting work-stations in the trading rooms of the big banks. All but $2 million of the deal is in 14.67 million new Reuter "B" shares, giving the Rich family a near 4.5 per cent stake in Reuters. It gives Reuters a further valuable foothold in the US, where its business has been traditionally weakest.

But the Rich deal also serves to emphasise Reuter's uneven growth in 1984. Revenue from its Far East/Asian division rose by 36 per cent, to account for 27 per cent of the group.

Reuters Europe, its mainstay business area, saw revenue rise 29 per cent, accounting for 50 per cent of business. In contrast, North America, aided by the strong dollar, produced only a 20 per cent increase. Reuter's main problem in the US has been the poor performance of wire services to the depressed commodity sector, its traditional stronghold.

Rich, headed by Mr Jerome Rich, apparently had revenues of around $35 million in its last independent trading year and pre-tax profits of $4 million. Rich systems, which are highly customised, are installed in more than 100 offices, and of its 4,000 terminals in US dealing rooms some 80 per cent carry Reuters services.

Mr Nigel Judah, Reuters' financial director, says the company has a substantial cash pile of £84 million at the year end, which gives it great scope for further takeovers: there is much searching, but nothing earmarked to follow on from Rich.

Turnover was £313 million, up 29 per cent, and the final dividend of 1.5p makes 2.5p, in line with the prospectus. There has been no change in the 12.5 per cent "B" share stake held by the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.

Dunlop pledge on trading details

By Margareta Pagano, City Correspondent

Dunlop, under siege from the BTR group, yesterday assured shareholders that it is doing its best to publish up-to-date financial information and details of its revised reconstruction proposals as quickly as it can, and certainly by March 11.

The Dunlop promise came after BTR complained last week to the City Takeover Panel that the group had been dragging its feet in providing shareholders with enough trading information on which to judge its £33 million takeover bid.

But the panel said yesterday that it was satisfied that Dunlop fully intended giving shareholders necessary information and was aware of its obligations under the code. Dunlop has also accepted the ruling that if the information is not available by March 11, the 39th day following the BTR offer, then BTR will be given the right to extend its offer.

Dunlop's advisers, Hill Samuel, last night described BTR's tactics last week as a "scare" and that it had been working on current trading details. Dunlop, chaired by Sir Michael Edwardes, welcomed the panel's statement as a complete vindication of Dunlop's position. "BTR has been conducting a campaign in recent weeks to intimidate Dunlop's shareholders into accepting BTR's absurdly low offer," Hill Samuel said.

"This campaign came to a head at the weekend when BTR's chairman, Sir Owen Green, alleged that Dunlop's reconstruction document, which was approved by the Stock Exchange, was in breach of the law. Dunlop lawyers have advised that this statement was defamatory."

The debt-ridden group added that BTR has only done itself harm by its use of ill-judged and inflammatory comments of this nature. "BTR's stance is indicative of its mounting frustration at its failure to secure Dunlop at a ludicrously low price. If it is to succeed it needs to massively increase its offer."

Dunlop's share price was unchanged yesterday at 43p with City opinion still deeply divided over whether BTR will have to increase its offer from 20p to win the battle.

A BTR spokesman said it had noted the panel's announcement. "We do not feel it is helpful to add anything to it except that, along no doubt with all Dunlop shareholders, we await further comprehensive information from Dunlop with interest."

Budget brings leasing boom

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

Predictions of a big boom in leasing business because of last year's budget have been proved true, with a rise to £4 billion in 1983 from £2.89 billion the year before.

The Equipment Leasing Association chairman, Mr David Beever, said yesterday that the growth was also due to an increase in investment generally and an exceptional growth in certain sectors, particularly aircraft. But the short-term effect of the 1984 budget had been to make leasing a very much competitive source of finance.

The government announced a gradual phasing out of capital allowances on plant and equipment, so that there are substantial benefits in bringing forward investments.

Mr Beever said that the effects would continue to be felt strongly in 1985. But improved industrial profitability would allow companies to invest more from their own resources. Once the phasing out of capital allowances had worked through the system, leasing would settle down at a "somewhat lower" level than before the budget, a base point from which it would resume growth.

In the long-term, industrial companies would be worse off than before because of the combined effect of corporation tax and capital allowance reductions. The association was pressing the Chancellor for a change in the budget to 25 per cent straight line writing down of capital allowances rather than reducing by 25 per cent of the balance every year — a method inadequate form capital intensive and hi-tech industries.

In spite of the surge in investment last year, total new fixed investment over a longer period would be less than without the budget changes.

By 1992 annual corporation tax payments would be 24.6 per cent of gross trading profits compared with 18.7 per cent under the previous system. Some companies would in practice move from paying zero corporation tax to 35 per cent — rather than the move from 50 per cent to 35 per cent which was central to the budget announcement, said Mr Beever, quoting Institute for Fiscal Studies figures.

More Espley sell-offs

By Andrew Cornelius

The rescue of Espley Trust, the troubled property group formerly run by Midlands entrepreneur Mr Ron Shiach, continued yesterday with news of a further £10.5 million worth of asset sales.

Last week Espley shares were suspended at 15p on the stock market, for the second time this year, following a dispute with trustees of the company's loan stock who threatened to thwart the rescue plan by demanding payment in full.

Discussions to resolve the dispute go on as Espley continues to dispose of its assets to reduce borrowings, which reached more than £61 million when problems emerged last year.

The latest sales of Codic, the group's Belgian subsidiary, and two property investments in Swindon and Wakefield, bring the successful reconstruction of Espley a step closer.

The ultimate aim is to realise sufficient cash to restore the two continuing Espley businesses, the Espley Tyas Construction Group and its subsidiaries and Howard Tenens Engines.

Merger approved

THE PROPOSED £900 million merger of P&O, the shipping and construction group, and Sterling Guarantee Trust, was yesterday approved by SGT shareholders. Almost 90 per cent of SGT shareholders have approved the deal which Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of both groups, said "is the beginning of a new era for P&O."

Yugoslavia and IMF in debt agreement

From Barney Petrovic in Belgrade

Yugoslavia and the International Monetary Fund have successfully concluded their talks in Belgrade to ease further negotiations with Belgrade's Western creditors.

There has been no official announcement so far on the two-week talks, and the agreement will be submitted to the IMF board and the Yugoslav Government for formal approval. Last week, Yugoslavia's top state and Communist Party leaders met to approve the deal without disclosing details.

But sources said these were aimed at Belgrade securing a one-year stand-by credit of about $330 million to go into effect on April 1. The agreement gave the green light for talks in Paris on refinancing Yugoslavia's near $20 billion foreign debts with 14 Western governments, and with Japan and Kuwait; and for talks involving more than 600 Western commercial banks in London next month.

Western creditors have granted Yugoslavia a 90-day moratorium on the repayment of the credits for the first three months of this year to enable the negotiations to go on. But this has placed a time squeeze on Belgrade.

The successful outcome of the talks raises prospects for a long-term rescheduling agreement to cover three to four years. Belgrade has agreed on certain tight terms, including a stronger financial discipline and putting the country's economy into order

The terms of the agreement include Yugoslavia accepting higher, and the so-called real, interest rates, which was the thorniest of all the issues. Under the original IMF demand, Yugoslavia would have had to impose a banking interest rate steadily rising to exceed the current rate of inflation by one per cent. The Yugoslavs had fiercely fought this demand, arguing, with some justification, that it could cause political and social problems.

Yugoslavia now suffers from Europe's highest inflation rate of over 60 per cent, and fears that unrestricted market prices, also demanded by the IMF, would cause three-figure inflation by the end of the year.

The problem has been apparently acknowledged by the IMF negotiators who also appreciated some of Yugoslavia's major achievements in fulfilling its demands.

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Littlewoods on screen

By Margareta Pagano, City Correspondent

Flicking the TV remote control from the comfort of the armchair to order the weekly shopping or the latest stereo model sounds too good to be true.

Gone are the hassles of nightmare Saturdays in endless queues, packed car parks, and fights with shop assistants and trolleys. Gone too, perhaps, the fun of shopping.

But Littlewoods, Britain's largest private retail group, thinks otherwise. Yesterday the group, also the country's second biggest mail order business, announced that it is launching a national teleshopping service called "Shop TV."

The service kicks off in April and will be available to all of British Telecom's 50,000 Prestel subscribers.

Littlewoods is offering some 260 electronic and electrical products, from fridges to washing machines, and hi fis to videos. It claim that these are all at "highly discounted" prices to the same goods selling in the high street, but was unable to give a clue as to how much the discounts may be.

Prestel users will be able to use the system by going through the "gateway" to call up the 20 pages held by the Littlewoods service on the television. Shoppers then call up the products and price details and, hey presto, they are delivered free by Littlewoods via the group's vast mail order warehousing network.

Littlewoods said that it believed that teleshopping was going to take off over the next few years, and it aims to be one of the leaders in the field. Over the last two to three years it has carried out extensive research into consumer needs and is confident that this is the way of the future.

If the service proves successful the group will consider expanding the products available, similar to those which are sold through its mail order catalogues.

Other retailers to plug into the Prestel system in the London area include Debenhams; the giftware group Solution; Jenners; and the St Pauls Shopping Centre, which provides a service for several suppliers. Tesco has an experimental scheme in operation at Gateshead which is aimed mainly for the housebound nd the elderly. Littlewoods believe it is the first to provide a national service.

An experimental teleshopping scheme in the West Midlands, with Prestel and Viewtel, last year proved extremely successful, drawing a large pool of residential subscribers. Carrefour, the hypermarket, joined in the scheme. Prestel and the two partners are due to publish the results of the scheme shortly.

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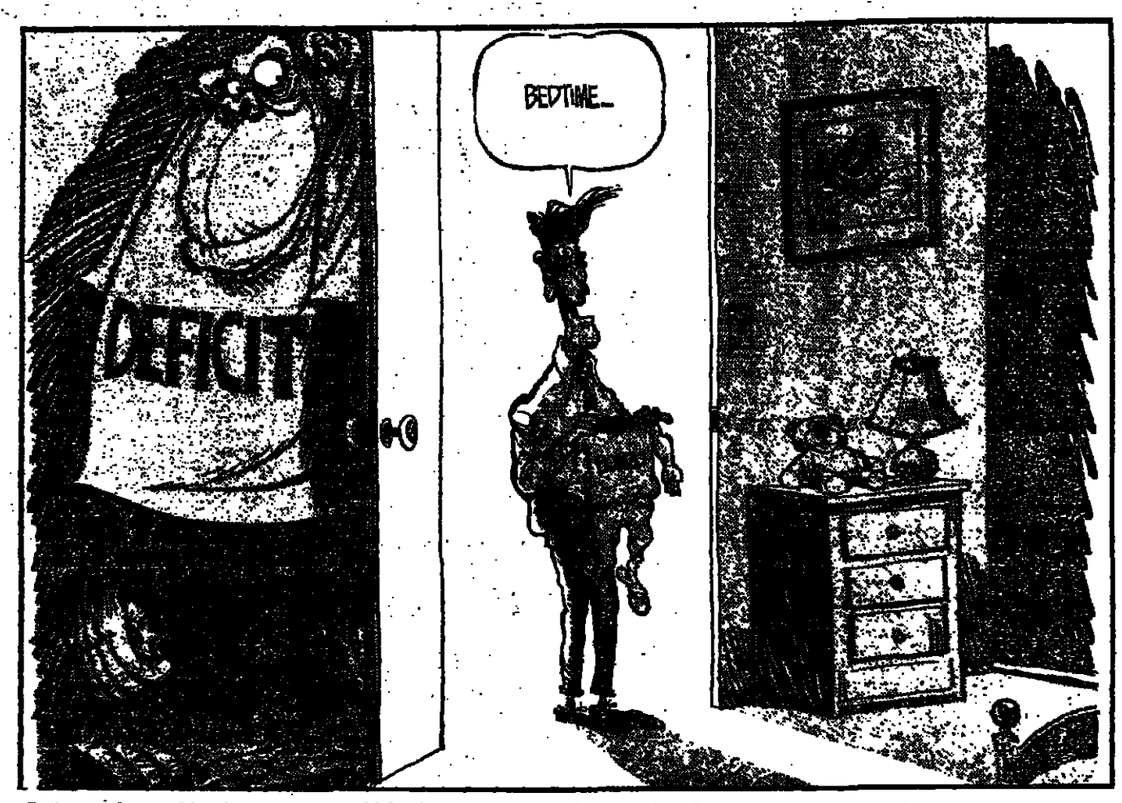
Britain doesn't need Reaganomics

ECONOMICS AGENDA

Geoffrey Dicks



A NUMBER of commentators are suggesting that UK economic policy should emulate that of the United States. They argue that the American combination of a loose budget and tight money has delivered both rapid growth and low inflation.

In this view fiscal policy, by cutting taxes and expanding the budget deficit, is responsible for the rapid growth of output and employment, while monetary policy, acting through high interest rates and a stong dollar, has kept inflation firmly under control.

The corollary is simple: the Chancellor should eagerly embrace these two strands of Reaganomics in order to set the UK on a low-inflation high-growth path.

There are at least three persuasive counter-arguments. In the first place, there is no reason why a policy which has "worked" in another country will work in the UK.

Secondly, there are those who would doubt the claims of its supporters that Reaganomics has "worked". Even if it is admitted that the policy has had short-term benefits, critics might argue that the costs have still to be met.

How, after all, is the Administration to cope with the prospect of a $200 billion budget deficit lasting almost indefinitely, or what will be the effects of measures (draconian cuts in expenditure or higher taxes) which will make a significant impact on the deficit?

It is worth, at this stage, analysing exactly how Reaganomics has "worked"; in particular the phenomenon of the strength of the dollar needs explaining. The boost from fiscal policy, which has greatly expanded domestic demand, implies that, even at full employment, the US will still have a budget deficit. In other words, it is now structural.

In turn, this means that US inflation will be higher than in other countries whose budget deficit is zero or small because the big deficit would continue to pump in demand even at full employment. However, monetary policy, under Paul Volcker and the constitutionally independent Federal Reserve, is likely to remain tight, so that the rise in domestic prices is contained. It follows that the imbalance produced by the combination of structural budget deficits and tight monetary policy can only be removed by an appreciating exchange rate.

That is, under tight monetary policy, the exchange rate, which is a relative price, performs a resource allocation role; it "crowds out" demand going to the trading sector to accommodate the excess demand in the domestic sector generated by loose fiscal policy. As a result US exports have fallen and imports have risen 30 per cent in the last year.

The resulting current account deficit — estimated at a record $100 billion in 1984 — has to be financed by capital flows which are attracted by the expectation of higher real returns on US assets. Thus, measured in a common currency (dollars US prices are currently rising faster than competitors's even though domestic monetary policy keeps US inflation below the world average.

The third, telling objection of Reaganomics in a UK context is that it has already been tried and found lacking.

The electoral programmes on which the Conservatives were elected in 1979 and Mr Reagan in 1980 were strikingly similar. Income tax was to be cut, thereby inducing beneficial supply-side effects, and public expenditure, with the exception of defence, strictly reined back. The net effect would be a reduction in public borrowing — Mr Reagan originally promised a balanced budget — which would enable the tight monetary targets necessary for lower inflation to be met without placing undue pressure on interest rates.

In the event the outturns in the UK in1979-81 and the US from 1981 onwards, though parallel, failed to meet their pre-stated objectives. In particular public spending proved hard to cut, with the result that the budget deficit rose rapidly and high interest rates were required to stem the growth of the money supply.

Thus in the UK in 1980/81 the PSBR reached £13 billion, or 5¼ per cent of GDP. Minimum Lending Rate was raised to 17 per cent and yet sterling M3 rose 17 per cent. On the foreign exchange sterling rose to $2.40.

The consequence therefore of the UK's first attempt at Reaganomics — introduced admittedly against a background of rapidly rising oil prices and world recession — was to produce in the UK a far deeper recession than that experienced elsewhere.

The combination of (unintended) fiscal laxity and monetary stringency which pushed the pound up with disastrous effects on industry was largely to blame. Indeed, the recovery in UK output, which predates that in either the US or Europe, stems from the Budget of 1981 which *tightened* fiscal policy thereby enabling both interest rates and sterling to decline from previous very high levels.

All the evidence shows that fiscal expansions in the UK have a poor track record. To combine expansion with tight money is unlikely to prove different.

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Channel race turns into a two-horse contest

NatWest makes its choice between rival plans as decision time approaches. Andrew Cornelius reports

NATIONAL Westminster Bank yesterday threw its weight behind the Channel Tunnel Group, one of the two rival consortia to emerge as favourites to build a cross-Channel link, as the project nudges closer to reality.

The timing of NatWest's announcement is vital. It completes two months of frenetic repositioning by the major groups bidding to build a Channel link and comes a matter of weeks before a joint Anglo-French Government working party is due to publish guidelines for the project

Senior officials from the UK and French transport departments meet in London this week to hammer out the final details of the guidelines which bidders will have to meet to stand a chance of winning the prestigious Channel contract.

Channel Tunnel Group includes leading construction groups like Wimpey, Balfour Beatty, Costain and Tarmac, and has already enlisted considerable City support for its £2 billion project to build a twin-bore rail tunnel across the Channel. Robert Fleming & Co and Morgan Grenfell, two of London's top merchant banks, have advised individual members of the group since 1980. NatWest said yesterday that it would undertake the role of both bankers and financial advisers to the project.

Last year NatWest joined the Midland Bank and a group of three French banks in a study of the economics of building a Channel link which plumped firmly for the CTG style twin-bore tunnel as the only scheme which could be sensibly funded by the private sector.

Mr Colin Stannard, who heads NatWest's development projects division, said he was now confident that the Channel link would be built. This reinforces the view held by Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House and head of the rival EuroRoute consortium, that: "Either the project will be given the go-ahead this year or not this century."

Mrs Thatcher and President Mitterrand of France are both keen advocates of the project, tempted by the mouthwatering prospect of tens of thousands of new jobs in both countries which would begin to emerge in vital pre-election periods for both leaders.

Although several groups have put forward tentative proposals to build the link, ranging from a simple, single bore rail tunnel, through to a Channel bridge, CTG and EuroRoute are fast turning the bidding for the project into a two-horse race. Their hands were strengthened by British Rail's confirmation earlier this month that it had abandoned its plans for a scheme of its own. British Rail will now support any scheme which wins the approval of the UK and French governments.

CTG's case is strengthened by the conclusions of the bankers' report. The group gave itself additional political clout with the appointment of Sir Nicholas Henderson former ambassador to Washington, as chairman.

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There is also the promise of a further announcement within the next few weeks that CTG will join forces with Credit Lyonnais and a group of leading French banks and construction companies.

Against this there is the powerful armoury of Sir Nigel Broackes, who is well connected in Whitehall and claims the ear of Mrs Thatcher. His EuroRoute consortium includes British Steel, British Shipbuilders, Fairclough Construction, Banque Societe General, one of the leading French banks, and Alsthom-Atlantique and Grands Travaux de Marseille, two of the biggest industrial companies in France.

EuroRoute plans to build a bridge and tunnel link which will cost £4.5 billion at today's prices. Funds for the scheme would be raised by a huge British Telecom-style share issue on both sides of the Channel.

Critics of the scheme argue that it is double the cost of the CTG scheme, and that the technical difficulties of the proposed seven-mile bridge to an artificial island, 11 miles of prefabricated tunnel and another four-mile bridge to the French coast are insurmountable. Sir Nigel maintains that the technology is proven and offers 100,000 new jobs in the steel, construction and shipbuilding industries.

However, both groups agree that they could begin work on the project almost immediately once given the go ahead. CTG has put together a speeded-up scheme which could be completed within 4½ years of winning government approval. EuroRoute could complete its crossing within seven years.

The timescale anticipated by the two contenders assumes that legislation will be passed by both governments — including a political guarantee that the project will not be shelved by future governments — sometime in 1986.

If the Anglo-French government study is finished on time, guidelines should be sent to the various contenders next month. Assuming a six-month period for detailed submissions to be produced by the bidders, and then a period of further consultation by government, legislation could start working its way through Parliament in spring of next year. This could pave the way for the award of the most prestigious construction project perhaps of all time late in 1986.

"We could start work in 1987 and be operating by 1992 on this timetable," CTG said last night.

All capitalised up with nowhere to go

BRITAIN is just not producing the same growth of new start-up companies in exciting technological areas, as has happened in the United States. It seems there is too much venture capital seeking sure-fire entrepreneurs with good potential products.

This is the seasoned view of Dr Derek Allam, who runs the Prudential's £40 million venture capital and innovation fund. "It isn't happening here on the same scale, and it won't" he says. Prutec, along with other established venture capital funds, see a lot of Britons who are looking for financial help, but not many real opportunities.

In fact, the fund expects to invest three-quarters of its cash this year — some £10 million in toto — in the 50 companies and projects it already has an involvement with. "Things are quiet," says Dr Allam.

So what has gone wrong with Britain? "I think there is a lack of people coming out of industry to form companies. You have to put it down, in the end to our culture, environment, even education. The dynamism of the US is just not being reproduced here." Further, venture capital companies such as Prutec have found the going tougher than expected, "it is more difficult to turn a venture into profit than envisaged."

"The British home market is also not big enough to support technology start-up companies, unless they can export. But then the overseas market is the US, which is difficult, and protectionist, preferring to buy American."

Venture capital funds, he believes, have a role in modern Britain, but a smaller one than hoped for.

The bulge of new talent has now been exhausted among the present generation, with none of the potential sources of frustrated talent — industry, universities, even the civil service — showing much promise. Only a new financial initiative would flush out more risk-takers.

He concludes: "We are observing a shortage of good people and good ideas." This means, in turn, that the venture capitalist organisations themselves are in an "ugly adolescent" stage, unsure of where to go next

Prutec as yet has little dazzling success to report, and some inevitable egg on its face... dealing with genuine entrepreneurs has never been easy. The public failure of Dragon Computers, was followed last summer by a bizarre public row involving Walker Wingsail, a company which has developed sails for commercial shipping to cut fuel costs.

If Dr Allam is right, it means that yet one more route for regenerating the country and its stagnant economy has been found to be blocked It hardly accords with Mrs Thatcher's vision for Britain.

Maggie Brown

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The Prospectus will be published in full in the Financial Times on Wednesday 27 February 1985.

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Tax fight on Clore estate

THE Inland Revenue yesterday began yet another High Court application seeking help in its fight to collect tax on the estate of the late financier, Sir Charles Clore.

Mr Peter Millett, QC, for the Inland Revenue, told Mr Justice Walton that Sir Charles, before his death in July, 1979, had transferred more than $70 million worth of his property to Stype Investments (Jersey) Ltd.

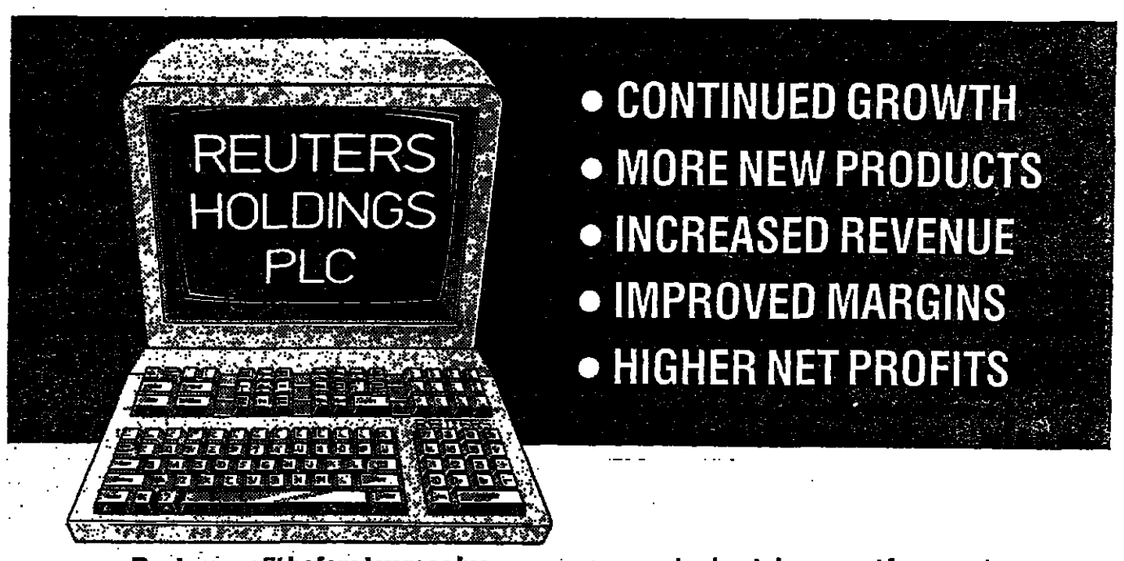
The revenue claim that an estimated £44.8 million in capital transfer tax is due— the amount chargeable on the value of property comprised in a personal settlement made by Sir Charles at the date of his death.

Mr Millett said that for some months before his death Sir Charles had been engaged in realising his UK assets and transferring them abroad, principally to Jersey. This had placed "considerable difficulties" in the way of the revenue's demands to collect tax due and those liable for payment had not been "co-opertative" in any way.

In the present application, the revenue is asking the court for an order that Sir Charles' trustees—Stype Trustees (Jersey) Ltd, a French lawyer, a Swiss banker, and an Israeli accountant, should provide and verify an account of all the assets in the settlement.

The trustees have given notice that they intend to appeal against the revenue's £44.8 million estimate, and they claim they are not liable to provide an account because all the Clore property is overseas and the trustees all live abroad.

The hearing is expected to last several days.



Reuters profit before tax rose by 34 per cent to £74.3 million ($86.2 million) in 1984 compared with £55.2 million ($64.0 million) in 1983.

The rate of growth increased significantly in the second half of the year, as forecast in the Company's prospectus. The second half profit before tax was £44.2 million ($51.2 million), 52 per cent more than in the same period of 1983.

Profit after tax was 35 per cent higher at £42.2 million ($49.0 million) compared with £31.3 million ($36.3 million). Earnings per "B" (Limited Voting) share were 10.9 pence compared with 8.5 pence in 1983. Earnings per American Depository Share (each representing 6 "B" shares) were 75.9 cents compared with 59.2 cents in 1983.

The Board has recommended a final dividend of 1.5 pence per "B" share (10.4 cents per ADS) to bring the total for the year to 2.5 pence (17.4 cents per ADS). The final dividend will be paid on 17 May to shareholders on the register on 19 April.

Total revenue for 1984 was £313.0 million ($363.1 million), 29 per cent up on 1983. For the third year in succession, revenue growth was achieved with virtually no help from price increases. The ratio of pre-tax profit to revenue was 23.7 per cent in 1984 compared with the 22.8 per cent of 1983.

Glen Renfrew, Managing Director, reports: "Despite depressed oil markets and the international debt crisis, we recorded excellent sales in the international money sector, which remains the most important for our business. The Reuter Monitor Money Dealing Service increased its share of revenue to about six per cent from nearly four per cent in 1983.

"A number of new products and services were launched. They included graphical displays of Reuter data and services of historical data and news.

"A phase of investment for the future in North America which generated increased costs and had a restraining effect on the overall trend of profits was largely completed by the end of 1984."

Full year results to 31 December 1984
(Unaudited)

	Year to Dec '84 £m	Year to Dec '84 $m	Year to Dec '83 £m	Year to Dec '83 $m	difference %
REVENUE	313.0	363.1	242.6	281.4	+29
PRE-TAX PROFIT	74.3	86.2	55.2	64.0	+34
TAXATION	32.1	37.2	23.9	27.7	+34
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	42.6	49.4	11.6	13.4	+268
DIVIDEND	9.9	11.5	7.7	8.9	+28
EARNINGS PER SHARE	10.9p	—	8.5p	—	+28

NOTE: The above financial information has been prepared in accordance with UK GAAP. The US dollar equivalents for both years have been translated at the noon buying rate at 31 December 1984 which was US$1.16 to £1. Full audited group accounts of Reuters for the year ended 31 December 1984 will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies following the AGM on 10 May 1985.

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Vantona results impress the City

By James Erlichman, Chemicals Correspondent

Vantona Viyella proved yesterday that the endemic decline of the UK textile industry can be arrested with an old fashioned blend of investment, innovation and salesmanship.

Doomsayers predicted that Vantona would collapse under the weight of debt it acquired when it rescued Carrington Viyella in a £16 million bid two years ago.

But the merged textiles group run by Mr Davoud Alliance yesterday outperformed market expectations by announcing 1984 pre-tax profits of £21.1 million, against £12 million earned the previous year. Just as impressively, the combined group's debt gearing has fallen from 56 per cent at the time of the merger to a very comfortable 26 per cent.

Vantona shares leaped 15p to close at a record high of 327p. The full year dividend has been increased from 8p to 10p a share. Group sales increased from £307 million to £385 million.

The earnings growth is even more impressive than the published figures suggest. A real comparison which shows how things would have looked if Carrington Viyella had been acquired at the beginning of 1983 indicates a true profits leap of 118 per cent.

Investment has been the cornerstone of the strategy. Vantona has sunk £50 million into new plant and equipment over the last two years and plans to spend another £25 million this year — almost all of it in the UK. Mr Alliance now proudly boasts that unit costs in most divisions now rival and sometimes beat the cheapest manufacturers abroad.

Those who feared Vantona would axe jobs wholesale have also been proved wrong. Employment in the group is little changed at 18,000 and since the acquisition of F. Miller, the Marks and Spencer supplier for £14 million earlier this year, Vantona has stepped up hiring because it cannot keep up with increased demand for children's wear supplied to the high street retailer.

The garments division registered a four-fold increase in profits from £1.8 million to £7.2 million and both woven fabrics and household textiles reported substantially increased earnings. Investment may have been the initial key, but the profits door has been opened wide by attention to design and aggressive marketing.

The transformation is not yet complete. The ailing carpets division swung from a first-half loss of £200,000 to register a full-year profit of £518,000 but this is only one third of last year's total. Mr Alliance forecasts, however, that carpets will begin to respond to the Vantona technique in the current year.

Davoud Alliance

Prices stage recovery despite pound's slide

THE MARKETS

The stock market although unable to hold on to best gains nevertheless gave a quite satisfactory performance yesterday. There was a noticeable change in sentiment despite the continued slump in sterling on foreign exchanges. Monday's record return to work by the miners was an encouraging influence, and this prompted some useful investment demand at the outset.

Stores, electricals and engineerings, were particularly favoured, while international stocks encountered some support from overseas investors. The latest UK trade figures were fully discounted and made little impact. With money markets seemingly not too alarmed about the pound, there was no immediate fears of higher interest rates in the gilt-edged sector, so most maturities were able to recover the previous sessions falls of ½ of a point.

Oils turned easier late in the day, unsettled by fresh falls in crude prices on Rotterdam. **BP** for instance relinquished 8p at 548p. There were only four other falls in the 30 share FT index opposed to 20 plus signs. Banks attracted investment demand showing rises into double figures NatWest the first of the "Big-Four" to report yearly results on Tuesday gained 5p at 654p.

Insurances also did well shrugging aside budget uncertainties. Here too the dividend season commences next week with Royal Insurance a top name reporting Monday. The shares climbed 7p at 553p.

There was a fair amount of activity in the textile sector where **Courtaulds** on revived bid speculation improved 4p at 154p. **Heron Group** is the name being bandied about as a possible suitor. After profits better than expected that revealed a 75 per cent growth **Vantona** finished at the best of the day 14p higher at 326p.

Elsewhere, **Reuters** were mildly disappointed with the results that failed to match analysts best expectations closing 10p down at 365p. Kaffirs staged a rally from Monday's sharp decline scoring gains of 50 cents to two dollars.

Among firm banks and insurances **Midland** rose 13p to 347p ahead of results next Wednesday and **General Accident**, reporting on the same day, ended 15p higher at 523p. Leading industrials were mixed with **ICI** down 3p to 874p ahead of Thursday's results, and **Lucas** up 5p to 261p on consideration of the **General Motors** contract.

Engineers were supported. **GKN** added 5p to 208p in belated response to a broker's circular. **Vickers** at 240p, recovered 5p of Monday's fall that followed the results. **Haden** improved 7p to 315p awaiting bid moves, while **Foseco** gained 8p to 244p in response to a favourable circular. **Turner and Newall**, due to report on March 22, hardened 2p to 113p.

Williams Holdings, with figures tomorrow added 4p to 210p but **Stothert and Pitt** lost 5p to 138p after heavy losses announced on Monday evening. **Marley** eased 2½p to 87p in front of today's results. Dealers expect profits of around £33 million, against £27.6 million last time. **Magnet and Southerns** put on 8p to 116p following a broker's lunch on Monday. **BSR** spurted 10p to 138p on news of a joint venture. The figures are due next Wednesday. **Crystalate**, a dull market recently, recovered 12p to 195p. **Amstrad** finished unchanged at 80p, (after 84p), supported by the better-than-expected 50 per cent earnings expansion.

Export prospects boosted **Wedgwood** 7p to 217p. Distillers weere marked up 5p to 286p after comment. **Northern Foods** gained 6p more to 222p on the news that the former Unigate chairman is to join the board in September. **Pauls** were hoisted 10p to 350p as the **Harrisons and Crosfield** bid received the go-ahead from the Monopolies Commission.

MFI eased 2p to 209p on a profits warning, but **Ratners** jumped 5p to 51p on the optician shops deal released on Monday. Bid speculation lifted **Nottingham Manufacturing** 8p to 228p. The company is also expected to benefit from **Marks and Spencer's** credit card plans. **Sumrie** tumbled 10p to 46p on Monday's announcement by **Inter Channel** that it was unable to fulfil its obligations concerning a stakeholding. **Leeds Group** were wanted at 148p, up 8p. **F. and O.** added 4p to 350p and **Sterling Guarantee** a penny to 68p as the merger became unconditional.

MJI hardened 2p to 17p on the sale of the waste disposal interests. **Powell Duffryn**, which recently successfully repulsed **Hanson Trust**, rallied up to 383p. US demand stimulated **Saatchi** at 878p, up 13p. **King and Shaxson** rose 10p to 176p on hopes that they will be the next discount house to receive a bid. Insurance brokers recovered well under the lead of **C.E. Heath** at 625p, up 15p.

Kleinwort, with results next month, gained 20p to 465p in otherwise quiet merchant banks. Good figures prompted a 15p rise in **Intereurope Technology** at 445p. **Times Veneer** slipped 3p to 34p on news of a bid approach "substantially below the current market price." Golds recouped 50 cents to two dollars. Teas eased, but tins and rubbers rose.

Main changes: **Courtaulds** 154p up 4p; **Vantona** 326p up 14p; **BP** 548p dn 8p; **Reuters** 365p dn 10p; **NatWest** 654p up 5p; **Royal** 553p up 7p; **Sumrie** 46p dn 10p; **N. Foods** 222p up 6p; **Kleinwort** 465p up 20p.

Turnover for February 25 was: Number of bargains 22,871; value £299.913 million.

● Paris: A round of profit taking set in at mid-session leaving French stocks narrowly lower at the close. Traders said the market opened mixed but then headed downward when participants got skittish about the chances of a further advance in the near term. Rather than hold their long positions, investors decided to take profit on the market's 13 per cent rise since the beginning of the year. Disappointment with Wall Street's recent performance was also cited as a factor in the decline. The general market indicator finished the session with a 0.41 per cent decline. Declining issues led advances 107 to 52. Trading was moderately active.

● Frankfurt: Share prices closed lower in quiet trading Tuesday, but foreign buying boosted them from their day's lows, brokers said. The Commerzbank Index slipped 9.1 points to finish at 1164.4 from 1173.5 Monday. A late surge of foreign buying, prompted by the continued climb of the US currency, brought some stocks up toward the close and resulted in a few shares finishing higher, dealers said.

● Tokyo: Stock prices fell as late profit-taking hit pharmaceutical shares. Turnover picked up on the first day of dealings for March settlements. "It was quite something" to see the market come down as quickly as it did, a broker said. But he played down the possibility the drop foreshadowed a broad decline by the market. Nikkei Dow Jones Index: 12,194.97 (12,201.04)

● Hong Kong: A swell of late buying carried most share prices higher in moderate trading. The takeover battle for Wheelock Marden continued to dominate corporate news in the market. Brokers said that a bid Monday by Hongkong Kowloon Wharf for Allied Investors, a Wheelock subsidiary that controls 6.8 per cent of Wheelock's stock, wasn't well received. Hang Seng Index: 1402.86 (1389.16)

● Money markets: Though markets were becoming bemused over the contortions of the pound and the other casualties of the rampant dollar, period rates were developing a degree of resilience, even before the dollar retreated quite smartly in the afternoon from its best gains of the day. By the close, rates had come down 1-8 or 3-16 right across the board, from the "ones" out to the "twelves." Local authorities put in only the occasional appearance and seldom operated in any size.

COMMODITIES

Copper: Cash £1,266.50 per tonne; three months £1,288 per tonne.
Tin: Cash £10,203 per tonne; three months £10,295 per tonne.
Lead: Cash £331 per tonne; three months £341 per tonne.
Zinc: Cash £839 per tonne; three months £820 per tonne.
Silver: Spot 534p per troy oz; three months 553p.
Rubber: Spot 73.50p per kilo; Mar £710 per tonne; Apr £720 per tonne; May £730 per tonne.
Coffee: Mar £2,402 per tonne; May £2,458 per tonne; Jul £2,499 per tonne; Sep £2,532 per tonne; Nov £2,544 per tonne; Jan £2,525 per tonne.
Cocoa: Mar £2,230 per tonne; May £2,229 per tonne; Jul £2,208 per tonne; Sep £2,184 per tonne; Dec £2,055 per tonne; Mar £2,040 per tonne.
Cattle: Liverpool spot prices in US cents per pound: US Memphis (1⅛ inch strict middling) Feb-Mar 73.25; US California (1⅛ inch strict middling) Feb-Mar 76.00; Sudan Barakat (1⅛ inch) Feb-Mar No. 38 109.50, Feb-Mar No. 58 99.50, Feb-Mar No. 68 93.00; Mexico (1⅛ inch strict middling) Feb-Mar 68.50.

COMPANY BRIEFING

Micro boosts Amstrad profit

Amstrad, the hi-fi, television and home computers group headed by Mr Alan Sugar, yesterday reported a 50 per cent jump in half-year pre-tax profits.

In the six months to the end of December, Amstrad made £9.5 million profit before tax, against £6.3 million in the corresponding half of the previous year.

Mr Sugar says that during this period the company experienced great success with its Korean-assembled home computer, launched last June, which has apparently sold well both in the UK and overseas. Amstrad, marketeer par excellence, seems to have avoided the worst problems posed by the less buoyant than expected UK Christmas market.

Alan Sugar

Mr Sugar claims sales in the second half so far have been "very encouraging." He is pleased with the home computer's apparent success in France and West Germany. Sales overseas accounted for 44 per cent of the company's £69 million turnover.

Amstrad is launching a new range of computers during 1985, up-grading on its existing CP464 model, which is likely to then be cut in price.

The interim dividend is raised 20 per cent, to 0.324p per share.

● A conditional agreement has been reached for the acquisition by Amstrad of Lyons-Turner Enterprises, the parent company of Europa Electronics, and electrical distributor. It is expected that the acquisition will be completed before the end of May.

The purchase price is to be met by the issue of 250,000 ordinary shares in Amstrad.

Pride in a fall

Ladies Pride, the Leicester dress manufacturer, suffered its first loss last year when at least some sections of the textile industry were reporting the first sign of a let-up in the cut-price pressure from imports. Although the deficit at the half way stage boded ill, the cut of as much as half in the familiar 2p net final dividend added a further blow.

While turnover edged up to £7.1 million, from £6.7 million and there were some expansionary moves, particularly shop-within-shop openings, profitability was acutely disappointing in most areas. The loss before tax and extraordinary credits was £282,000, a figure only £6,000 short of the previous year's profit. But for the gain of £149,000 on the sale of the leasing activity, which although taken below the line helped to keep finances in surplus, the result would have been even worse.

Extra staffing and stocking-up costs arising from the retail extensions are blamed for the setback along with the unexpected loss incurred in fabric manufacturing, after a busy start. The board is confident that the business can be turned back into profit. But the dividend reduction to 1.5p, from 2.5p prevously means that even down at 24p, the shares lack obvious support.

Stronger Microfilm

Microfilm Reprographics is buying RHM's computer microfiche business for £1.5 million. The food giant is retaining its computing services interests but feels that the investment needed by the CentreCOM microfiche operation could better be provided by a specialist processor.

Microfilm Reprographics strengthens its leading position in the business through the purchase, and the shares, which were the subject of a further placing at the equivalent of 20p nearly two years ago, gained another 15p to 300p on the announcement. The purchase was covered by a vendor placing of 587,000 new units.

On turnover that passed £1 million last year, CentreCOM made a gross profit before all overheads of £256,000. Microfilm, whose interim results are due shortly, has eliminated the problems that caused a loss two years ago and gained important contracts and made a number of small acquisitions subsequently. The latest and larger purchase will lead to overhead savings and synergy benefits.

BSR International is retaining a 41 per cent stake in a Singapore partnership, Team Semiconductors, which will include its existing Astec operations there. In addition, it will receive a cash payment. Arral, the Hong Kong investment company, is one of the partners.

Ramar advances

Ramar Textile, the ladieswear and children's clothing supplier based in the north-east raised sales and profit as expected in the first half of the year to May 31 and although the fashion industry is going through a difficult phase, the directors expect to be able to report higher profits in the second half.

On sales £1.37 million higher at £10.4 million, pre-tax profit for the six months gained £40,000, to £38,000, the second half is usually less profitable and the hard winter deterred shoppers in some areas.

Nevertheless, the year is unlikely to end with excess stocks on the scale of the corresponding period and the board believes that it is well-equipped to deal with the difficulties facing the sector.

SPECTROX International, the analytical instruments manufacturer that was formed after a management buyout by British employees of Kratos, the California high technology group, enjoyed higher profit margins in its first six months of independent operation under the chairmanship of Dr John Waldron. The aim is to apply for a full stock market quotation in 1987. On turnover of £12.2 million in the half year to December 28, pre-tax profit was £789,000, only £190,000 short of the target for the whole year. The main products are used in liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry and surface analysis for chemists, physicists and government research.

Rapid pace at Peters

Michael Peters, the design consultants, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market just under two years ago, kept up a rapid pace of growth in the first half of the year to June 30. When new studio facilities are fully operative, growth should be faster still.

On almost doubled turnover of £2.25 million, up from £1.27 million in the corresponding period, pre-tax profit was £338,000 for the six months, against £253,000 previously. The Cockade exhibitions business only contributed for a month and in the pre-Christmas period expenses exceed income, other than interest on the large cash balances brought in. The studio conversion was also costly.

The interim dividend is being raised to 1p, from 0.785p net a share, covered by earnings of 3.5p on the capital increased by the £1 million-plus acquisition. On the announcement the shares gained 5p to 270p and the £16 million capitalisation is relying on the success that the eponymous chairman believes to be attainable. He is leading the move to set up a trade association in a field that Britain appears in the past to have neglected to her cost.

In short...

HARTWELLS, the motor dealer with large outlets in Oxford and Bath, is buying Bristol Motor for around £360,000 largely payable in shares. The purchase brings in a £15 million turnover, primarily in Austin Rove modes and is the first stage in Hartwell's expansion programme in the Bristol area. Next year it will be sole ARG distributor for the City.

LYNTON, the London and Low Countries property group is buying Guildford Shops for £4 million and the adjoining Tunsgate shopping centre in a £2.5 million deal with the "Pru." Payment is being made through the issue of 2.2 million shares covering both acquisitions.

T. COWIE, the motor distributor is expanding its Interleasing vehicle contract hire operations through the acquisition of Peter Sherratt, which operated a medium-sized fleet.

RE X Williams Leisure was affected by the miners' strike in the year to November 30 and turnover and profit wee little-changed at £886,000 and £167,000 respectively. The installation of metered snooker tables was at a new record, complementing the coin-operated equipment. As stated in the prospectus, no dividend is being paid, but 0.91 is forecast for the current year.

FT Ordinary Share Index up 7.0 at 975.0. FT-SE 100 Index up 0.1 at 1259.5. Pound: $1.0535; DM 3.60; Fr 11.02. Gold: $286.50. Account: February 25 to March 8. FT All Share Index up 1.02 at 607.91. Sterling Index 70.2 (1975=100). RPI 359.8 (December) up 5.0 per cent on year.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE

British Funds

Breweries

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SA Mines

Mining

New Issues

Rubber

Shipping

Tea & Coffee

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

TOURIST RATES — BANK SELLS

Austria	25.20	Greece	149	Portugal	190
Belgium	72.50	Ireland	1.16	Spain	197
Canada	1.47	Italy	2,240	Sweden	10.15
Denmark	12.95	Malta	0.58	Switzerland	3.02
France	10.97	Netherlands	4.07	USA	1.05
Germany	3.59	Norway	10.30	Yugoslavia	285

STERLING RATES

	Closing market rates	Previous closing rates	Forward Rates (one month)
Australia	1.4780-1.4810	1.5275-1.5295	
Austria	25.16-25.31	25.55-25.60	15.875 to 14.75 grs prem.
Belgium	72.49-72.84	73.24-73.35	.25c. to 20c. prem.
Canada	1.4630-1.4710	1.4751-1.4817	0.47c. to 0.38c. prem.
Denmark	12.85-12.88	13.03-13.05	4.625 to 3.625 ore prem.
France	10.98-11.05	11.12-11.15	3.50c. to 2.875c. prem.
Germany	3.59-3.62	3.63-3.64	2.50 to 2.25 pfennig prem.
Greece	146.80-149.81	n/a	
Hong Kong	8.120-8.125	8.27-8.29	
Ireland	1.1630-1.1640	1.1705-1.1715	
Italy	2,257-2,277	2,272-2,280	2 lire prem to 1 lire disc.
Japan	274.26-274.94	276.78-277.25	
Netherlands	4.07-4.10	4.12-4.13	2.50c. to 2.25c. prem.
Norway	10.30-10.34	10.37-10.40	2.125 to 2.375 ore prem.
Portugal	196.82-200.36	195.27-197.57	175 to 500 escudos disc.
Spain	198.92-200.36	200.97-201.27	
Sweden	10.15-10.19	10.18-10.21	0.375 to ¼ ore disc
Switzerland	3.04-3.05	3.07-3.08	2.25c. to 1.875c. prem.
USA	1.0525-1.0545	1.0555-1.0565	0.46c. to 0.43c. prem.

Dollar cross rates against: Swiss franc 2.90; French franc 10.49; DM 3.43; Yen 251.15.

INTEREST RATES

UK HIGH STREET %

Bank deposit: 8.5-9
Bank base rate: 14
Bank overdraft: 15-17
Building society mortgage: 12.5-13
Building society deposit: 7.75
Finance house rate: 15

UK MONEY MARKETS

	7 day	1 month	3 months	6 months
Treasury bills	—	13¼	13 5/16	—
Eligible bills	—	13 5/16	13⅛	12⅞
Interbank rate	13¼	14¼	14¼	13 9/16
Discount market	13¼	—	—	—

INTERNATIONAL MONEY MARKETS

	1 month	3 months	6 months
Eurodollar	8¼	9⅛	9 1/16
Euro DM	5¾	6⅞	6 9/16
Euro Sw fr	10½	11¼	11¼
Euro Fr fr	5 15/16	6 9/16	6 9/16

US INTEREST RATES: Federal funds: 8¼. US prime rate: 10

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS BOARD

THE NATIONAL BIOLOGICAL STANDARDS BOARD invites applications for the post of

DIRECTOR

of the National Institute for Biological Standards and Control.

The position will become available in August 1985, when the present holder takes up appointment as Director of The Public Health Laboratory Service.

The Institute is responsible for the control of biological substances used in human medicine, and for the preparation of national and international biological standards. These activities depend on the Institute's research programme. The Institute is a major WHO International Laboratory for Biological Standards.

The Director is head of the Institute's 250 staff, including 55 in scientific grades. The responsibilities of the post include the co-ordination and planning of the scientific work of standardisation, control and research, and liaison with the Health Departments, World Health Organization, British and European Pharmacopoeia Commissions, Medical Research Council and other organisations. The Institute has eight scientific departments (Antibiotics / Chemistry, Bacterial Products, Blood Products, Hormones, Immunology, Standards Processing, Statistics, Viral Products).

The Institute will move to new, purpose-built laboratories now under construction near South Mimms, Hertfordshire, which are expected to be completed in August 1986.

The Board is looking for an applicant with appropriate medical or scientific qualifications, who has demonstrated outstanding ability in a relevant field, and who will give the scientific and administrative leadership required to maintain and further the national and international work and reputation of the Institute.

Salary: £36,500 per annum. Terms and conditions of service are comparable with those of the Medical Research Council. Further information can be obtained from the present Director.

Applications with full details, including the names of two or more referees to whom the Board may refer, should be sent marked 'Confidential' to the Chairman, National Biological Standards Board, Holly Hill, Hampstead, London NW3 6RB (Telephone 01-435 2232).

Closing Date 11th April 1985.

NIBSC

National Institute for Biological Standards and Control

Somerset Health Authority

DISTRICT GENERAL MANAGER (RE-ADVERTISEMENT)

The Authority provides a full range of Health Services to a population of around 400,000 in the County of Somerset, has an annual revenue budget of £67 million and employs nearly 8,000 staff.

The District General Manager will be accountable to the Authority for the provision of information and advice to enable policies, priorities and objectives to be established, and for the efficient and effective implementation of these in order to achieve the best standard of care for the patient.

Candidates should have a record of successful management at a senior level in the public or private sector, and through leadership be capable of introducing and developing the general management function in this large, complex, multi-disciplinary organisation.

The appointment will be for a fixed-term of three years, in the first instance, renewable thereafter on an annual basis by mutual agreement. Salary is negotiable, but it is unlikely that the successful candidate will be earning less than £23,000. Previous applicants are invited to re-apply.

Application form, job description and further details may be obtained from Barry Brown, District Personnel Officer, Somerset Health Authority, County Hall, Taunton, Tel (0823) 73491 ext 264/2661. Completed applications should be returned to Mrs C. Heath, Chairman, Somerset Health Authority, County Hall, Taunton, by not later than 18th March, 1985.

SENIOR POLICY OFFICER (SEX EQUALITY) £13,326-£14,358 p.a.

Required for the Council's Policy Unit, to play a lead role in the formulation and implementation of a Sex Equality Policy and to advise and support the recently formed Sex Equality Advisory Group. Applicants wishing to be considered for job-sharing arrangements will be welcome and this should be indicated clearly on the application form. We need someone who has strong political awareness, knowledge of and an imaginative approach to women's issues, an understanding of racial discrimination and how it affects black women and a firm commitment to the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy. A willingness to become involved in the generation of new ideas and bringing about change in a large organisation is essential. You should be able to show some intellectual and personal achievement in the work, community or domestic sphere but need not necessarily have specific professional or academic qualifications. You will be expected to work with a high degree of independence and be able to communicate in writing and orally to people at all levels in the Council and the Community. For informal discussion contact Judith Berrill on 0274 752010. Ref. CSO108/G

A Union Membership Agreement is in operation.

Application forms are available from the City Solicitor's Personnel Unit, 1st Floor, City Hall, Bradford BD1 1HY. Tel. (0274) 752230.

City of Bradford Metropolitan Council

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from candidates of any age, sex, race or disability, unless otherwise stated.

JOINT TRANSPORTATION UNIT

Transportation Officer

£9,477 — £11,025 (S.O.1/2)

The Joint Transportation Unit is a multi-disciplinary team responsible for developing transportation policies, making recommendations on priorities for action, and preparing the Transport Policy and Programme each year.

The Unit is now seeking to recruit a Transportation Officer.

The successful candidate will work in the Analysis Section and will be involved in the application of a range of transportation modelling and analytical techniques. Specific duties include the maintenance of a library of transportation planning and analysis software and assistance with studies and surveys.

Applicants should preferably be graduates in transportation planning or equivalent and have experience in work of this nature.

Application forms, returnable by Monday 18th March, 1985, are available from the Technical Director, Joint Transportation Unit, Merseyside County Council, PO Box 95, Metropolitan House, Old Hall Street, Liverpool L69 3EL. (Tel: 051-227 5234, ext. 2442).

MERSEYSIDE COUNTY COUNCIL — Working for you

A Liaison Officer

is required by a National Charity working in the East End of London in the Borough of Tower Hamlets.

The post is part of a team concerned with the community care of the elderly and disabled. The ability to work in isolation and also to build up and lead a small team of workers who will assess clients for our Care System is essential. The successful applicant will be required to liaise and work closely with the Local Authority's Social Services Department and have at least three years' post qualifying experience. Salary will be commensurate with experience but not less than £9,250 per annum.

For job specification and possible interview send full c.v. to The Chairman, The Care Trust, 55 Crawley Road, Witney, Oxon OX8 5HX.

THE CARE TRUST

PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WORKER

£13,491 — £14,574 p.a. incl.

The holder of this key post in the Community Service's Division will be a member of the Divisional Management Group and the manager of Intermediate Treatment, Court Section, Homelessness Social Work Team, Children Leaving Care Scheme and a small team specialising in Child Abuse. You should be CQSW qualified and able to work independently, lead specialist teams and bring flair to management. We provide regular supervision and the opportunity to develop managerial skills for someone keen to move on in Social Services. All short-listed applicants will be offered informal interviews with the Assistant Director.

The Royal Borough of KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

Application forms quoting Ref G502 from the Personnel Service, The Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 7NX. Tel: 01-937 8562 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date for applications 18 March, 1985.

WE ARE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

GENERAL

Kirklees Metropolitan Council

DIRECTORATE OF LEISURE SERVICES

ASSISTANT CURATOR

Museums Service to Ethnic Minorities

Salary Scale 5 £7,524-£8,262

Required to co-ordinate and supervise a small team, developing a museums service to and about ethnic minorities in Kirklees. The postholder will play a distinctive role in promoting the development of multi-cultural awareness and assisting in the formulation of a policy for the new service. Responsibilities will include drawing up a programme of exhibitions, events and activities based on the existing ethnographical collections of Kirklees Museums Service, and also on new material to be collected to illustrate the cultural background of the various ethnic minority communities. The post will involve considerable liaison work with local government and community organisations.

Preference will be given to applicants with a degree, previous museum experience and a good background knowledge of Asian and West Indian communities, including additional language qualifications.

COMMUNITY WORKER

Savile Town, Dewsbury

Scale 4 £6,555-£7,329

We are currently seeking someone with community work experience — ideally in a multi-racial area — and preferably with a knowledge of Gujerati to join our Community Work Team. The Savile Town area has become physically run down and deprived of resources and is now the subject of a General Improvement Area and Urban Aid Fund for the creation of a community centre and recreational facilities. The community organisations within the predominantly Asian Muslim population are actively involved in the recent developments.

Application forms and further information from Huddersfield Central Library, tel. (0484) 515808 ext. 256. Completed forms should be returned to the Director of Leisure Services, High Street Buildings, High Street, Huddersfield HD1 2NQ within 10 days of this advertisement.

The Council operates a Trade Union Membership Agreement. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

Birmingham Jewish Welfare Board

requires an experienced

PRINCIPAL OFFICER

to take overall responsibility for administration, team leadership and finance, who will report direct to the Executive Committee.

This responsible post will suit an experienced administrator or team leader. The specific duties will include:

— the formulation and implementation of planning.
— the administration of senior staff in two hostels for the elderly.
— leadership of a small generic team of social workers.
— the recruitment and training of voluntary workers.
— overall supervision of sheltered housing and of a day centre.
— the initiation and development of further sheltered housing and community projects.

The remuneration package is negotiable within a range which an experienced professional person or team leader would find attractive (at a minimum of L.A. Scale PO1). A suitable applicant might be considered on a part-time basis with delegation of some duties to junior staff. The initial application or request for details should be made in writing to Mr R. Aitshul at 9 Moorcroft Road, Birmingham B13 8LT.

HOUSING PROJECTS CO-ORDINATOR

(Salary £10,611 incl. L.W.)

Are you committed to Care in the Community? Vanguard Commune, a registered charity, is looking for someone to lead a small staff team which will provide residential support for approximately 20 single people with a history of mental illness.

We are expecting applications from people with a wide range of backgrounds including housing management, social or community work.

For an application form and job description please telephone (01) 985 5555 extension 8662. Closing date March 8, 1985.

Inner London Education Authority

SECURITY OFFICER

TWO POSTS

Salary range £9,906 to £11,646 plus £1,347 London Weighting.

The Authority's team of security officers offer advice to schools, colleges, etc. and the central administration on all aspects of security. Security officers investigate individual incidents and train and educate staff about security awareness.

The successful applicants will take part in training sessions and will be involved in planning the design of buildings and the implementation of a programme of security measures including alarm systems.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate a thorough familiarity with current security practice and techniques, and be able to operate with minimum direct supervision.

Application forms and further details may be obtained from The Education Officer (EO/Estab. 1B), Room 366, The County Hall, London SE1 7PB. Please enclose a s.a.e. Closing date for the return of completed application forms is Friday, March 22, 1985.

Suitable for a Job Share.

ILEA is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Inner London Education Authority

HORNIMAN MUSEUM & LIBRARY

LONDON ROAD, FOREST HILL, SE23

WORKSHOP ASSISTANT

(MUSEUM ASSISTANT 1)

Salary Range £5,904 to £7,608 per annum plus £1,419 London Weighting Allowance.

Applications are invited for the above post with responsibility for the general construction of permanent and temporary exhibitions at the museum and elsewhere.

Candidates should have experience of general exhibition construction and display presentation with an emphasis on carpentry together with experience of working with a wide range of materials such as perspex, metal, fabric and display surface coverings.

Application forms and job specification are available from Miss Jan Davies on 633 7115 or by writing to Personnel Services Division, EO/Estab. 2, Room 368, County Hall, London SE1 7EB (please enclose foolscap stamped addressed envelope for reply).

Completed application forms should be returned by March 22, 1985.

This post is suitable for job share.

ILEA is an Equal Opportunities Employer

Research Assistant

(University of London, Grade 1B)

For preventative cancer research study at this small, friendly post-graduate hospital. Degree and medical/microcomputer experience advantageous. Salary range £7,833 to £10,153 incl London Weighting.

Applications and CV by March 7, 1985, to: The Administrator, St Mark's Hospital, City Road, London EC1.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Estates and Valuation Department

SENIOR RANGER

£7,524-£8,262 plus fringe allowance £182 pa.

Based at Weald Country Park the postholder will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Park, support services for other Country Parks and the developing new Visitors' Centre.

Applicants should have relevant qualifications, previous experience and an ability to communicate with the public. A full driving licence is essential.

Application forms and further details available from the Personnel Officer, County Architect's Department, County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1LB. Telephone Chelmsford (0245) 267222, Ext. 2250.

Closing date: March 18, 1985.

The Hospital for Sick Children

ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE

(Salary scale £5,939 to £6,967 inc)

To perform varied duties in the planning of services and new buildings, and in medical committee work. A high level of literacy and numeracy is required and there will be opportunities for rotation with other posts. Some flexibility in working hours will be necessary and assistance will be given with study for professional examinations. The successful applicant will be based at the Great Ormond Street Hospital initially.

Job descriptions and application forms are available from the Personnel Department, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London WC1N 3JH, telephone 01-405 9200 ext. 266. Completed forms must be returned by March 7, 1985.

ARCHAEOLOGISTS

for Roman site in Prestatyn, North Wales

Site Supervisor, Finds Supervisor, Site Assistants, Education Officer and SMR Officer from April, 1985.

MSC funded, 6 months unemployment or 12 months if 25 or over

Send C.V. to Clwyd/Powys Archaeological Trust, 7a Church Street, Welshpool, Powys. Tel. 0938 3670

TRAINEE ANALYSTS/ THERAPISTS

Membership national body. Help with non-medical problems. Generous payment in accordance with workload. Over 23. Part-time / full-time. All areas.

Write to:
Dr P. L. Goodwin, 2c Wake Green Road, Moseley, Birmingham 13

GENERAL

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Services for Mentally Handicapped People in Southwark

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE

Grade 6 — £9,960 to £10,908 inclusive

A new project, which will provide hostel and housing accommodation for mentally handicapped adults, is scheduled to open this summer, in the Dulwich area of Southwark. The project will provide accommodation for up to eight residents in a "core" hostel, with additional resources for training and ongoing support for those residents who may wish to move on to other forms of housing accommodation.

The Officer-in-Charge will play a major role in the development of the project. She/he will need the ability to lead, teach, and counsel the staff team and to take responsibility for all aspects of the management of the "core" hostel.

Applications are invited for this post from suitably qualified, and/or experienced people, who should offer a minimum of five years' work experience with this client group. The post is non-resident, but will require sleeping-in duties, for which an allowance is payable.

If you wish to know more about this project and the vacancy, please contact Hugh Buckpitt, Group Manager — Mental Health, or Jenny Webb, Acting Adult Care Manager, on 01-703 6363, ext. 234 or 230.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London SE15 6DG. Please quote reference G/15/5272 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms: 21-3-85.

Trent Regional Health Authority

SENIOR MANPOWER ANALYST (Sc.9)

£8,744-£10,739 p.a.

This is an opportunity to join a team of 8, specialising in the study of NHS manpower and supply, manpower utilisation and productivity.

The work of the section is closely integrated with the strategic planning effort of the Authority for health services in a major English Region. The person appointed will work on policy formulation, manpower analysis projects and issues related to performance.

Applicants must be numerate and educated to degree standard in a relevant discipline and be capable of applying this to live management problems in NHS manpower. Experience of manpower planning, personnel, management, or computing is desirable. Opportunities for developing a career in NHS management are excellent.

Further information/inquiries from: Melvyn Blunt, Regional Manpower Officer (Tel. Sheffield 306511 Ext. 4751).

Application form and job details from: Regional Personnel Officer, Fulwood House, Old Fulwood Road, Sheffield S10 2TH. (Tel. Sheffield 306511 Ext. 394/319) quoting reference AR179.

Closing date: March 14, 1985.

CROWN ESTATE COMMISSIONERS

require

A HOUSING MANAGER

for their office in VICTORIA PARK (Residential Properties)

Starting salary up to £7,317 pa rising by annual increments to £9,897 pa inc. Inner London Weighting.

Non-contributory pension scheme transferable with local government.

A qualified Housing Manager is required at Victoria Park Estate Office, Hackney, E9, to share responsibility for approximately 700 units ranging from Victorian conversions to modern purpose-built blocks. The duties will cover all aspects of management with a personal approach to tenants' welfare. The estate has current redevelopment and improvement schemes and would suit someone wishing to gain wide experience in housing. The successful applicant will need to be energetic, resilient and committed.

For full details and application form please write to Mrs B. Curd, Crown Estate Office, 5 Gore Road, London E9 7HR.

Closing date for applications: Friday, March 8, 1985.

The Commissioners are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Wycombe District Council

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PRINCIPAL PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR

SALARY: £11,562-£12,645

GRADE: PO 4-7

This newly created post, reporting directly to the Chief Planning Officer, will be responsible for the efficient operation of a section which provides full support services to the Planning and Architectural Division of the Department. The postholder will be expected to hold relevant qualifications and in addition to proven ability of managing staff he/she will be required to have a sound working knowledge of basic planning law and procedures.

This is a challenging post requiring initiative, enthusiasm and an ability to work under pressure. In an Authority which receives over 2,500 planning applications each year. The postholder will be expected to undertake a full review of the administrative systems of the Department and must have had knowledge of implementing new office technology procedures. A Plan-ape system will be operational by mid 1985.

The department is in new offices in the centre of High Wycombe. Generous fringe benefits will apply on relocation.

We are an equal opportunity employer. Application forms (s.a.e.) from Personnel Manager, Council Offices, Queen Victoria Road, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1BB. Telephone High Wycombe 26100 — Ext. 3122.

Closing date: March 11, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF SOUTHWARK

Town Clerk's Department

COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR

up to £12,951 (PO1 or PO2)

A person experienced in local government committee administration is required to service the Council's Establishment Committee. The successful candidate will, together with an assistant, be responsible for servicing the main Committee and its sub-Committees and Working Parties. A good knowledge of local government procedures and the ability to communicate and liaise with Members, Senior Officers and Staff Sides on sensitive matters are essential. The salary, on which a pay award is pending, is inclusive of £1,248 London Weighting.

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons. Telephone 01-701 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write on a postcard to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London, SE15 6DG. Please quote reference G/15267 and job title. Last date for receipt of completed Application Forms: March 22, 1985.

SCOTTISH HEALTH SERVICE COMMON SERVICES AGENCY INFORMATION SERVICES DIVISION

RESEARCH OFFICERS

(TWO POSTS)

Applications are invited for the above posts based in Edinburgh. The persons appointed will be engaged on the analysis of data held by the Division and will participate in research studies which are intended to provide information to assist in the evaluation, planning and development of health services and encompass a wide range of topics.

Applicants should be numerate and have a degree in statistics or a behavioural or social science or an equivalent qualification. They should also have appropriate experience since graduation and some computing experience would be an advantage. Salary scale: £7,737 to £9,431 per annum.

Application forms and further information can be obtained from the Appointments Section, Common Services Agency, Trinity Park House, South Trinity Road, Edinburgh EH5 3SE. Closing date for receipt of completed applications is March 14, 1985. Please quote Reference Number U719.

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David Lacey on Northern Ireland v. England tonight

Robson keeps winning blend

SOCCER

Football managers are usually reluctant to admit that their teams may be on to a good thing, and it is easy to see why. At the start of the 1982 World Cup, Jupp Derwall declared that if West Germany lost to Algeria he would be on the first train home; fortunately for Derwall, the trains in Spain run later than the plane.

So England flew into Belfast yesterday trying not to appear too-obviously optimistic about their chances of beating Northern Ireland at Windsor Park tonight, a victory which would bring their total of World Cup points to six from three matches, and their visions of Mexico into even sharper focus.

Nevertheless, win England should against a Northern Ireland side beaten only once at home in six years, but now badly handicapped by the injuries which have forced Martin O'Neill and Billy Hamilton out of their squad.

The disparity in the talent available to the two managers is best summed up by the fact that whereas Billy Bingham has been scouring the Third and Fourth Divisions for players like a poor housewife looking for scrag end of mutton, Bobby Robson yesterday announced a team that included neither Trevor Francis nor Glenn Hoddle, both of whom will begin the game on the substitutes' bench.

With Bryan Robson absent through injury, the ability of the England manager to pick a team with the balance, pace and striking power required to gain a comfortable victory is a measure of how much his situation has improved this season. "What I have learned since becoming England manager is that if you do over-experiment it can go wrong," Robson said yesterday, after choosing a side which is unlikely to explode in his face.

The England team is the one widely predicted, with Martin returning to centre-back in place of Wright, Hateley resuming his place at the head of the attack instead of Withe, and a midfield reading like a firm of solicitors — Steven, Wilkins and Stevens.

It is here that Robson is experimenting, since Trevor Steven of Everton will be winning his first full cap, and Tottenham's Gary Stevens, after two appearances as a substitute, will be starting an England match for the first time.

However, the selection remains practical rather than theoretical. Robson explained that he had few qualms about including Steven for a match which he described as an extension of a League game. "He should be able to cope," Robson added. "He is facing players of this type every week."

"He is one of the few players we have got who is comfortable in a wide position He works hard, can tuck into midfield when necessary, is a firm crosser of the ball; and he does score goals."

In short, Steven, aged 21, appears the ideal replacement on the right for Williams, and it is a little ironic that he was brought into the squad only after Bryan Robson had dropped out. Stevens is the man allotted Robson's role, working the centre of the midfield with Wilkins.

The England manager had this message for the Hoddle lobby: "I don't want anyone else to sit in midfield, because Ray Wilkins can do that. That is why Hoddle isn't in the side. Wilkins is a master of bringing people into the game.

"If we get an injury in midfield then Glenn might be brought on, but he would still need to adapt his game to the situation."

Francis, in spite of his two goals in Italy on Sunday, has failed to dislodge Woodcock because Robson wants to keep faith with as many of those who defeated Finland 5-0 and Turkey 8-0 as possible, a reasonable outlook.

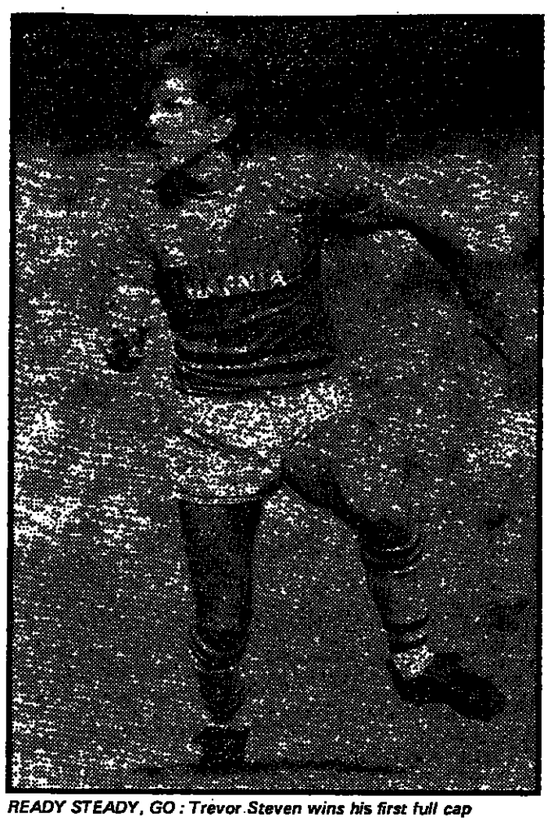
The Irish defence will be hard-pressed if Hateley runs at them with the menace he showed against the Finns and puts consistent pressure on Jennings, who may find reserve-team football with Arsenal poor preparation for his 108th cap, a total which equal's Bobby Moore's British record.

During their present successful run at home, Northern Ireland have seen off, among others, West Germany, Austria and Romania. But they have not beaten England at Windsor Park since 1927.

England may not repeat their 5-1 European Championship victory of 1979, but if Wilkins reproduces his Italian league form and the team as a whole retain their pre-Christmas spirit, they should still win with something to spare.

● The FA have urged England supporters not to travel to Belfast for tonight's game, as all 28,000 tickets have been sold.

ENGLAND. — Shilton (Southampton); Anderson (Arsenal), Butcher (Ipswich) Martin (West Ham), Sansom (Arsenal), Stevens (Everton), Wilkins (AC Milan capt), Stevens (Tottenham), Woodcock (Arsenal), Hateley (AC Milan), Barnes (Watford). Substitutes: Bailey (Man Utd), Fenwick (QPR), Hoddle (Tottenham), Francis (Sampdoria), Waddle (Newcastle).



READY STEADY, GO: Trevor Steven wins his first full cap

Robert Armstrong on Billy Bingham's options

Casting for passion play

It is often said that Northern Ireland are never more dangerous than when they are clear underdogs. If that is true — and the Irish performance in the 1982 World Cup finals lends substance to the argument — then England will have to beware of Billy Bingham's improvised team when the two countries puruse their claim for a place in the 1986 finals before a 28,000 capacity crowd.

Defeat for Northern Ireland would almost certainly rule out a trip to Mexico next year, leaving Bingham to pick up the pieces over the remaining four qualifying games, three of them away to Turkey, Romania, and England. The knewledge that they are fighting for survival is bound to draw a passionate response from the Irish, whatever their technical limitations against an exceptionally well-balanced England team.

England have not lost any game against the Irish for nearly 13 yers, but the statistics game can be played both ways, as Northern Ireland's more recent record demonstrates — a single defeat, by Wales, in their last 17 games in Belfast, and victory in their last five home matches.

Win or lose, the Irish are at least assured of a handsome profit; tonight's get receipts and fee for live televison transmission will add up to around £250,000. Harry Cavan, the IFA president, said: 'We'll be looking at the biggest money we've ever had in Belfast." But he added: "That is little compensation for losing our regular matches against England."

When Bingham announces his team at noon today he will almost certainly name either John McClelland or Sammy McIlroy as captain—a role McIlroy has undertak3n in the past, and that McClelland declined at club level with Watford a few months ago. There is less doubt that Pat Jennings will appear in gaol yet again.

Stability is likely to be maintained in the back four, with the retention of the unit that took part in the 2-1 defeat of Finland last November—Jimmy Nicholl, John O'Neill, McClelland and Mal Donaghy.

But the midfield could well be reshuffled to accommodate the return of Paul Ramsey, who is valued for his ball-winning attributes and who has performed with distinction in previous internationals, particularly the 1-0 win over West Germany 15 months ago. The Leicester player would doubtless link up with Armstrong, with McIlroy keeping his favoured position on the left.

Up front, Norman Whiteside and Jimmy Quinn, winning his third cap, are expected to be given the task of breaching the powerful English defence, wiht Ian Stewart keeping his customary position on the left wing.

Quinn flopped in dismal fashion against Finland, but since them the Blackburn striker has found his best form, scoring 10 goals in his last 10 League games. "As well as being a great neader, he is a tremendous athlete, and moves about the field well," enthused Bingam yesterday.

Whatever tactics Binghamn employs, the game is certain to be one of the greatest tests of his managerial career. He said yesterday: "There will be no tip-toeing through the tulips at Windsor Park. We have a strong passion to win theis one.

N IRELAND (probable). — Jennings (Arsenal); Nicholl (WBA), J. O'Neill (Leicester), McClelland (Watford), Donaghy (Luton), Armstrong (Real Mallorca), Ramsey (Leicester), McIlroy (Stoke), Quinn (Blackburn), Whiteside (Man Utd), Stewart (QPR). Substitutes: Platt (Coleraio), Worthington (Sheff Wed), McElhinney (Plymouth), McCreery (Newcastle), McGaughey (Linfield).

Patrick Barclay in Seville on Spain v. Scotland

Intruders sharpen Scots' edge

Scotland are on edge. At least that was the impression Jock Stein sought to convey yesterday as the crafty old manager looked forward to tonight's World Cup tie against Spain in Seville.

The players, he said, were "a little bit angry" about distractions to their training. When they worked out in Seville on Monday night an unwelcome spectator was Miguel Munoz, the Spanish manager. And after this surprising breach of etiquette, yesterday's session, near the Scotland headquarters in Jerez, was disrupted by groups of youngsters who threw bottle tops at the goalkeeper, Jim Leighton, and tried to make off with footballs.

"We haven't had any help," said Stein. But he did not seem entirely dismayed. "It's put an edge on the players. The other side of football has to come out in games like these, which show whether you have the character to play in a hostile atmosphere."

Tonight will indeed be a severe test of this season's Scottish revival, which began with a 6-1 victory over Yugoslavia in a friendly at Hampden Park and continued with World Cup wins over Iceland and Spain, also at home.

He clearly believes his team, under the experienced leadership of Souness, can dictate the match and intends then to "do their defending in the Spanish half of the field." Munoz had said Spain would play in a British style. "That would please us — they'd never last 90 minutes."

Stein declined to help Spain by naming his team, and deepened the mystery by adding Strachan, Archibald and Gough to the 11 that won 3-1 in November.

The feeling remained however, that Stein will leave his starting line-up unchanged and hope that the rhythm already established will carry over. "The success we have had has come from going forward and seeing how the other side can handle us.

"Obviously the leadership will come from Souness, who's been over this course so many times and knows what's needed. But we've got several players — Bett, McStay, Johnston and of course Dalglish — who could pick up the mantle."

Archibald, the Spanish League's leading scorer, is likely to be one of the substitutes while his Barcelona striking partner, Clos, makes a first appearance for Spain. Clearly Archibald has already been of some help to Stein, but it has been a two-way flow of information

Stein revealed that another club-mate, Gerario, had been asking Archibald all about Cooper's strengths and weaknesses: did he dislike being "hit" early in the game, "or did that make him doubly determined?" That sort of thing. "I suppose Stevie gave him the right answers..."

Amid all these omens it would be as well to remember that three years ago Scotland "defended in the Spanish half," for most of a friendly, only to be floored by three sucker punches. Last autumn, fresh from their excellent European Championship, Spain outclassed Wales in this World Cup group with a 3-0 victory. And Scotland have lost each of their three competitive away matches since the last World Cup.

SPAIN (probable): Arconada (Real Sociedad); Gerardo (Barcelona), Maceda (Gijon), Goicoechea (Bilbao), Camacho (Real Madrid), Senor (Barcelona), Roberto (Valancia), Gallego (Real Madrid), Gordillo (Betis) or Julio Alberto (Barcelona), Butraqueno (Real Madrid) Clos (Barcelona).

SCOTLAND (probable): Leighton (Aberdeen); Nicol (Liverpool), Albiston (Man U), Souness (Sampdoria), McLeish (Aberdeen), Miller (Aberdeen), Dalglish (Liverpool), McStay (Celtic), Johnston (Celtic), Bett (Lokeren), Cooper (Rangers).

Referee: M. Vautrot (Fr).

SOCCER IN BRIEF

JOHN RYAN, the former Luton, Norwich and Manchester City full-back, has been sacked as Cambridge United manager. During his 13 months in charge Cambridge have managed only five league wins, are nine points adrift at the bottom of the Third Division and favouriutes to be relegated for the second successive season.

LIVERPOOL'S transfer-seeking Craig Johnston is out of Queen's Park Rangers' price range. "We have made a tentative inquiry," says caretaker manager Frank Sibley, "but reliable sources have indicated how much Liverpool want, and there's no way we can afford that."

LAZIO of the Italian First Division have dismissed their Argentinian coach Juan Carlos Lorenzo after only five months. The Roman side have lost their last seven League games.

TONY EVANS, the Wolves striker, has joined Third Division Bolton on a month's loan. They are prepared to give him a contract until the end of the season.

FIXTURES

Soccer

(Kick-off 7.30 if not stated)

WORLD CUP. — Group 1: Greece v. Albania (Athens). Group 3: N Ireland v. England (Windsor Pk, Belfast). Group 5: Netherlands v. Cyprus (Amsterdam). Group 7: Spain v. Scotland (Seville)

U-21 INTERNATIONAL. — Israel v. England (Tel Aviv, 11.30).

BOB LORD TROPHY. — Third Round: Kettering v. Altrincham.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Premier Division: R.S. Southampton v. Witney T.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0). — First Division: Aston Villa v. Stoke, Blackburn v. Bradford City, Notts For v. Everton. Second Division: Port Vale v. Hull City.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP.—Second Round: Horwich v. Matlock, Marine v. Hyde.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION.—Arsenal v. Swindon (2.0).

WELSH CUP.—Fifth Round: Swansea v. Hereford.

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCHES.—Bath v. Exeter (7.15), Bridgend v. Penarth (7.15), Cambridge Univ v. Anti-Assassins (3.0) Cardiff v. S Glam Inst (7.15), Cross Keys v. Llanelli (7.0), Lydney v. RAF (7.15), Maesteg v. S Wales Police (7.0), Moseley v. Birmingham, Newbridge v. Tredegar (7.0), Newport v. Abertillery (7.0), Rosslyn Pk v. Blackheath (7.30).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH.—Combined London OB v. Oxford Univ (HAC RFC, 2.30).

Rugby League

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP. — Second Round: Bradford Northern v. Wakefield, Leigh v. Hunslet.

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP. — Hull v. St Helens, Leeds v. Warrington, Oldham v. Castleford.

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE. — First Division: Crystal Palace v. Bracknell (8.0), Hemel and Watford v. Kingston (7.30), Solent v. Leicester (8.0), Sunderland v. Manchester Giants (7.30). Second Division: Camden v. Colchester (8.0).

Charles Burgess

Wales 1, Norway 1

Welsh saved by Rush

WALES prepared for their next World Cup qualifying match with a disappointing draw against Norway, most of whom are part-timers on their winter breaks, in a friendly at Wrexham's Racecourse Ground. James and Hughes both hit the post late in the game but so did the Norwegian Vaadal.

Waes, who play Scotland at Hampden Park next month, experimented last night by employing James, usually a midfield player or striker, in the centre of the defence alongside their captain, Ratcliffe. But James, and the rest of the Welsh team, had little chance to settle before Norway took the lead in the sixth minute.

Thoresen pushed a corner from the left to Ahlsen on the edge of the penalty area, and the Fredrisktad midfielder hit a left-foot shot that curled into the top right-hand corner of Southall's goal.

James was having difficulty, not surprisingly, dealing with strikers like Okland and Moen coming in the blind-side. He did not seem to know which way to turn,

Wales based some of their early attacks on getting Curtis down the right wing to provide ammunition for Rush and Hughes, the twin strikers. Twice Curtis put over crosses, only to see Rush head strongly but straight at Thorstvedt.

Both strikers were being heavily marked, and Wales were struggling, However, a minute before half-time Rush scored his first goal for his country since a friendly against Romania at this ground nearly 18 months ago.

Hughes, on the right, knocked the ball back to Nicholas, whose high diagonal ball found the Liverpool striker, having broken free from Norway's defenders at last, alone about 10 yards out.

Rush shot immediately and although Thorstvedt got his hand to it, he could not stop it going low into the right-hand corner of the net. It was Rush's eighth goal on his 22nd international appearance.

Wales could consider themselves lucky to have equalised, and they were luckier still at the start of the second half, when James brought down Moen from behind in the penalty area, but got away with conceding a corner.

From that corner, a header from Moen was tipped out from under his bar by Southall. Wales had brought on Pritchard, the Bristol City winger, for his first cap in place of Davies, while Norway were forced to take off their defender Kojedal.

WALES: Southall (Everton); Slatter (Bristol R), Ratcliffe (Everton), James (QPR), Jones (Chelsea), Davies (Manchester Utd), Nicholas (Luton), Curtis (Southampton), Jackett (Watford), Hughes (Manchester Utd), Rush (Liverpool).

NORWAY: Thorstvedt; Haarkisen, Kojedal, Herlede, Morek, Davidsen, Ahlsen, Oswold, Dahl, Moen, Thoresen.

Referee: R. Stewart (N Ireland).

RUGBY UNION

Donald Stewart

Scots will return to Romania

Scotland will play five full internationals next season, including another game against Romania in Bucharest, where they lost to the national side on their short tour last May.

It is also planned to stage two "B" internationals during the season. The first of these will be on December 7 and it is understood that England may provide the opposition. The Rugby Union have not yet confirmed this but should they not do so, the SRU intend to find opposition elsewhere. The other game will be an away fixture against France on March 2.

The Scots played both France and Ireland B this season but the Irish have indicated that they are no longer interested in B games, and Wales have made it clear that one match at this level in the season is enough for them.

The Romanian visit at the end of March will involve only the one game. Officials and players who undertook the short four-match tour to that country during the last close season were not keen to repeat the exercise. Travel and accommodation arrangements fell short of expectations.

Scotland have followed England's example in regard to the experiment with Law 20, which governs the scrummage. The SRU have instructed that all schools and youth matches shall apply the variation, which insists that players in the front row of the scrum must have their heads and shoulders above hip level.

It is suggested that the rule be applied immediately and continue next season unless something similar is approved by the International Board at their meeting next month when of course whatever they decide will become law. The aim of the exercise is to reduce the possibility of injury by ensuring that players adopt a good body position and strong binding.

RESULTS

Soccer

FRIENDLY INTERNATIONAL.—Wales 1, Norway 1 (at Wrexham).

CANON LEAGUE SECOND DIVISION.—Barnsley 1, Middlesbrough 0; Carlisle 2, Leeds 1.

THIRD DIVISION.—Bristol C 3, Derby 0; Gillingham 1, Hull 0; Preston 3, Cambridge 1; Walsall 3, York 0.

FOURTH DIVISION.—Colchester 2, Hartlepool 1; Crewe 1, Tranmere 3; Halifax 1, Northampton 0; Scunthorpe 4, Rochdale 2, Torquay 0, Swindon 0.

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY.—First Round, Second Leg: Brentford 2, Reading 0 (aet; 5-1); Millwall 3, Southend 1 (5-1).

SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION. — Brechin 0, Motherwell 2; Falkirk 1, Ayr 0; Kilmarnock 0, Clydebank 0; St Johnstone 0, Meadowbank 2.

SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION. — Alloa 1, Dunfermline 3; Berwick 1, Queens Pk 0; Cowdenbeath 3, Arbroath 2; Queen of the South 0, Stirling Albion 1.

EUROPEAN U-21 CHAMPIONSHIP Group 7: Spain 0, Scotland 0 (Cadiz)

FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Birmingham 0, Totten 2; Crystal Palace 0, Norwich 5; Ipswich 4, Chelsea 1.

WORLD CUP. — Asian Group 4: China 8, Brunei 0 (at Macao).

EUROPEAN U-21 CHAMPIONSHIP.—Group 1: Greece 2, Albania 0 (at Chalkis).

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY. — Second Round: Bury v. Wigan, postponed (tie at Wigan).

BOB LORD TROPHY. — Semi-final: Enfield v. Maidstone, postponed.

Rugby Union

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH. — Scotland U-21 22, Scottish Universities 10.

CLUB MATCH.—Nottingham 29, Sheffield 9; Swansea 42 Aberavon

Hockey

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE. — Oxford Univ 0, Cambridge Univ 2.

Bowls

WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Melbourne). — Singles Standings (after 10 rounds): 1, M. Richardson (Aus), 10pts; 2 equal, M. Lum On (Fiji), R. Ryan (NZ), F. Kennedy (Zim), 8; 5 equal, N. Shaw (Eng), E. Bell (Ire), L. Davies (Wales), 7; 18, M. Blattmann (Jersey). 2. Fours Standings (after 10 rounds): 1 equal, NZ, Scotland, Wales, Zimbabwe, 16; 5, Australia, 15; 6 equal, HK, Swaziland, 14; 8 equal, England, Ireland, Israel, 13; 17, Jersey, 4.

Ice Hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE. — Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 4; Winnipeg 12, NY Rangers 5; Chicago 4, Toronto 3.

Cricket

SHELL SHIELD

BASSETERRE: Leeward Island 380 and 71 for 2, Jamaica 131 and 318. Leeward Islands won by 8 wickets.

ROSEAU, DOMINICA: Windward Islands 199, Barbados 83 for 5. Draw (rain).

CURRIE CUP.—Semi-final

PRETORIA: Western Province 325 and 160 (G. Turner 50; E. Simons 3 for 36, A. Ferreira 3 for 28). N Transvaal 371 and 120 for 2 (M. Yachad 62). N Transvaal won by 8 wickets.

SPORT IN BRIEF

ATHLETICS: South Korean gold medallists in future Olympic track and field events will be given a special award of about $120,000, the Korean Amateur Athletic Federation announced yesterday. The federation also said they will give special grants, ranging from $12,000 to $180,000, for any Korean medallist in track and field in the 1986 Asian Games and 1988 Summer Olympics, both to be held in Seoul.

SPORTS POLITICS: The International Olympic Committee will choose the host cities for the 1992 Summer and Winter Olympics during the committee's 1986 annual meeting in Lausanne.

RUGBY UNION

David Frost

Ella and Melville paired

One of the odest, and most interesting matches of the season takes place this afternoon at Cambridge where the University meet the Anti-Assassins, a scratch side, who include Mark Ella, playing his first game since the end of the Wallabies' tour in December.

Ella stayed behind in England after the Wallabies' tour to work with Rothmans, his employers in Australia. Ella said yesterday, at a lunch organised by Rothmans, that while he had not definitely made up his mind about retiring from rugby, his only three matches in the British Isles in the rest of this season would be today's game at Cambridge, a match in Dublin, where he will be observing the operation of Carroll's, a subsidiary of Rothmans, and a game for Aylesbury, where Rothmans International have their base.

Today's match has added significance because several of England's walking wounded will be taking part. Ella will be partnered at halfback by Nigel Melville. England's scrum half and captain against the Wallabies, who is just recovering from his knee trouble; Bryan Barley will be in the centre; David Cusani, seeking fitness after his knee cartilage operation, will partner Steve Bainbridge at lock; and the loose forwards will be Peter Winterbottom, Bill Calcraft (Wallabies) and John O'Driscoll, the Ireland and Lions wing forward who has been laid low by illness since last season.

Cambridge, for their part, intend to field 14 of the 15 who beat Oxford in the University Match in December. Mark Bailey, who played on the left wing for England in South Africa last sumer, hopes to play today in spite of his complicated foot injury, and Kevin Simms and Rob Andrew, current England international backs, intend to turn out for the University.

How Sale turned the table

David Irvine on the National Merit muddle. Tomorrow he looks at a new RFU initiative

UNLIKELY AS it may seem, should Sale defeat Gosforth at home on Saturday, it is just conceivable that they could clinch the new English Merit Table Championship two months before the season officially ends and only five weeks after the RFU, in their wisdom, gave their blessing to what an increasing chorus of critics now regard as a damaging and half-baked scheme.

Sounds crazy, doesn't it? But consider the facts. So far Sale have played four National Merit matches — beating Coventry, Moseley, Orrell and Bath. Of the 12 Division One sides they alone still possess a 100 per cent record.

Apart from their fixture with Gosforth, their only other table games to come are against Leicester at home on March 23, which is when the semi-finals of the John Player Cup are to be played, and at Gloucester on April 20, the new date for the Wales v. England international.

It is certainly feasible that Leicester — maybe even Sale, too — will still be involved in the Cup in a month's time, which would rule out that meeting, while if Gloucester have three or more players on duty at Cardiff (and three played against France) they would have the right, under the competition rules, to declare the match invalid for table purposes.

Though hypothetical at this stage, it could just happen. Is it any wonder, then, that so many believe the RFU were misguided in allowing themselves to be persuaded to give in to the demands of the senior clubs; particularly at the halfway stage of the season?

But no one, protest the Merit Table supporters, could have foreseen the toll the wintry weather has taken of fixtures. That may be true in some cases, admittedly, but not in Sale's. Apart from their planned home match against Bristol tomorrow, cancelled because of Cup commitments, they have fulfilled all their engagements so far.

Now Sale are not claiming to be the best side in England — "most definitely not" says their coach, Des Seabrook — but it is hardly their fault that they now occupy such an exalted position; at least according to the present Merit Table placings.

What underlines the farcical nature of the situation is that their most notable win, at Bath on December 22, was achieved at the expense of the West Country club's second team, the first having travelled instead to Pontypool.

"Some teething troubles in the first season were inevitable," say members of the organising committee. But is there any reason to believe subsequent seasons will be any better?

To be absolutely sure Merit Table games go ahead as intended, fixture secretaries need to know in advance which clubs they will play, and in what division, and then set about trying to avoid clashes with county games, inter-divisional matches, internationals and John Player Cup ties.

That leaves little room for manoeuvre, as clubs have already found in trying to arrange regional Merit matches. These are still of considerable importance determining, as they do, which clubs win a bye into the third round of the following season's John Player Cup

The most obvious solution to the problem, of course, would be to adopt a League system through which it would be the RFU's responsibility to set aside specific (and suitable) dates for matches and, at the same time, provide a clear ladder on which all clubs, not just a favoured few, would be given the chance to progress.

Under the present National Merit Table regulations, those outside the magic circle of 24 must obtain fixtures with two-thirds of the 12 clubs in the Second Division even to warrant consideration for inclusion.

"At present they can shut out anyone they don't want by simply getting a few clubs who are already in the set-up to deny them fixtures," claim their critics. "If that situation is allowed to go on, what happens to us?"

The answer is obvious. Those on the fringe will decline further because most players of ambition will inevitably feel they have to move to a Merit Table club to get on. Is that what the RFU want?

People's choice emerging for Wales

THE WELSH Rugby public may well have won a victory following the bizarre events of this week; a selection that could be called the People's Choice XV will take the field at Murrayfield.

n the excitement of Scottish anticipation it may be forgotten that two former Welsh captains have resigned in mid-term, and that even Gareth Davies, now restored in the Welsh team, has confessed that he nearly threw in the towel this season as well. Davies too is a former Welsh captain.

The decision of Eddie Butler to retire from the international scene deserves closer scrutiny. When he sought the advice of Ray Prosser at Pontypool, the most successful coach in Britain told him that he too, in the fifties, had been subjected to public criticism, but he ignored it and outlasted his challengers. In Butler's case, until recently, he had few challengers yet the criticism would not go away.

His Pontypool colleagues and fellow Lions Jeff Squire and Graham Price also departed prematurely from international rugby, but were never subjected to the severity of criticism that Butler has endured.

Butler, a Cambridge Blue three times over, capped 16 times and captain of Wales on six occasions, has had his share of hate mail and though he smiles at the remarks and cartoons about the Ella interception in the Wales v Australia match, in the quieter moments it hurts.

Ironically, as a BBC Wales information officer he now finds himself feeding handouts to the critics. He will not forget one press comment which suggested that it was a pity that no one had lacerated him during the Romanian match in order to galvanise the No. 8 and his team into some action.

More recently, a steady stream of "Butler must go. Butler isn't international class" headlines, comments from former internationals J. P. R. Williams and Mervyn Davies, culminated in a particularly savage letter from a mid-Wales Non-Conformist minister, the Rev Penry Davies, who was in turn publicly told by Butler that "too many shepherds are spending too much ink in rugby letters columns and not enough time on spiritual counsel."

The timing of his announcement may have annoyed the establishment, but to anonymous letter-writers and telephone callers he owes no loyalty at all.

The imediate beneficiary of this sad turn of events is a 22-year-old police constable, Martyn Morris, who after a week of picket-line duty now wins his first cap against Scotland.

Martyn Williams

Paul Fitzpatrick

Holders visit Hull

RUGBY LEAGUE

Although the prospect will not thrill everyone, the possibility of the Hull clubs' contesting the Silk Cut Challenge Cup final at Wembley on May 4 hardened yesterday, when they were kept apart in the draw for the quarter-finals.

The Humberside clubs have already met twice in finals this season, Hull emphatically winning the Yorkshire Cip last October and Hull KR equally convincingly taking the John Player Trophy in January.

There is still some way to go before an all-Humberside final does come to pass, however. Hull must first overcome the holders of the trophy, Widnes, not quite the force of old but still a side of great resilience, while Hull KR will not take for granted a visit to either Leigh or Hunslet, who will be trying to settle their second-round match tonight:

Hull's match with Widnes at the Boulevard will be the televised game a week on Saturday and will inevitably recall a number of stirring struggles between the sides in the 1981/2 season, culminating in that rare event, a Challenge Cup final replay.

Victory then went to Hull after a conflict that will live imperishably in the memories of those who saw it.

Wigan were disappointing in last year's final and are determined to make reparation this year; and they should be good enough to overcome either Bradford Northern or Wakefield Trinity away.

They are now without the outstanding John Ferguson, who has returned to Australia, but could be on the verge of signing another talented winger, Phil Ford of Warrington, who seem likely now to accept Wigan's final offer of £35,000. Not that Ford will be able to play any part in their cup quests.

By far the simplest assignment seems to have fallen to Castleford who, in contrasting moods, have so far swept aside Oldham and Workington Town.

Leigh, for whom this has been a dismal season, received more distressing news yesterday when they were informed that Eddie Hunter, one of their best forwards, has been told by his employers the Coal Board that he must give up playing Rugby League because of the risk of injury.

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP. — Quarter-final Draw (ties to be played on Sunday, March 10 at 3.30 if not otherwise stated): Castleford v. Bramley; Leigh or Hunslet v. Hull KR; Hull v. Widnes (Saturday, March 9, 2.15); Bradford Northern or Wakefield Trinity v. Wigan.

World champion signs for McGuigan

BOXING

London promoter Frank Warren last night announced an ambitious move to land a world featherweight title fight for Barry McGuigan, the brilliant young Irishman who convincingly outponited a former world champion, Juan LaPorte, in Belfast last Saturday.

Warren has signed Eusebio Pedroza, the Panamanian who holds the World Boxing Association version of the title, to defend against McGuigan in London, probably in May. The hefty purse offer of £600,000 to the champion means that a large outdoor stadium would be the likely venue, and Warren yesterday mentioned the Arsenal or Queen's Park Rangers football grounds

An early obstacle to the promotion is the eagerness of McGuigan's manager, Barney Eastwood to negotiate the fight himself and bring it to Belfast.

Eastwood's son Stephen said yesterday: "I have promoted Barry in 20 of his fights in Belfast so far and anything that needs to be done for him I can do. We believe if Barry is to fight for a world title the right place to stage it is in Belfast

Warren, however, remains confident that he holds the trump cards and he is prepared to offer the Eastwoods a joint interest in the London promotion. "They can't get Pedroza to fight in Belfast," he said last night. "He's not interested — they've been trying for over a year. I've signed him and I've satisfied his financial wishes, but Eastwood could be a 50-50 partner. I've put that to him.

Jack Massarik

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UPSWING . . . Kapil Dev hooks Vic Marks for four as Paul Downton looks on

Matthew Engel reports from Sydney

Indian spinners book an early flight for England

CRICKET

England effectively went out of the World Championship of Cricket under the Sydney floodlights last night when they lost to India, quite horribly, by 86 runs. It was one of the most dismal batting performances David Gower's team have produced in a long while.

Technically, England can still reach the semi-finals next week. If they beat Pakistan on Saturday and India beat Australia on Sunday then India would be through, with the other three teams in the group level on one win each. However, the issue would then be decided on run rate and that of England, bowled out for by 149 last night, is now vastly inferior to everyone else's.

Gower admitted that there was now not so much an open door ahead of England as a cat flap, and this morning the team manager Tony Brown was starting to ring airlines with a view to getting the team home after the weekend. This once-triumphant tour is collapsing in a manner awfully familiar to those of us who witnessed England's one-day games here two years ago.

The match yesterday was an unusual one, played on a turning pitch with a slow outfield between teams both fielding two spinners. But in some respects it was a repetition of the first three one-day games in India, all of which England won.

After a tearaway start led by Srikkanth, India managed only 235 for nine and at the halfway mark of 25 overs England, without batting anything like as spectacularly, were level with India at that stage, 99 for two. But then the middle order collapsed to Sivarama Shastri and their own bad shots and, after Lamb and Gatting, whose form has vanished, were out within three balls of each other, the position quickly became hopeless.

England's failure out here is, if not inevitable, at least understandable. The players had no appetite for the competition after India and had start with a demanding match against Australia followed by a nine-day gap. Some of the momentum built up through the winter was bound to go; however, the extent to which it has happened has been frightening.

There is a very valid case for fewer, shorter tours, but if the players wanted to make it, they should have stated it in writing, not on the field.

Their attitude is evidently shared by the Australian public. There were 9,609 spectators at Sydney last night, which was not too bad for a match not involving Australia, but Sydney is only a branch office of the world championship and a lot of people may have wanted to make use of their only chance to see the Poms. Sunday's attendance of 19,000 in Melbourne, supposedly the world's most sport-crazy city, for Australia v. Pakistan was pathetic and shows what folly it was to stage this tournament on top of the endless World Series Cup.

Actually, last night was slightly special. Football-type supporters paraded on the Hill with Union Jacks and chanted "Englandi" which would normally lead to a barrage of beercans or worse. In the end, they were just silenced by their team's ineptitude.

England at least picked the right side, with Foster in, Agnew out and Downton down the order. And Gower reverted to his old strategy of putting the opposition in. But Cowans immediately began over-pitching and Srikkanth began lofting him over the covers.

The rule allowing only two out-fielders for the first 15 overs might have been made for Srikkanth, and he charged to 57 in 53 balls with 10 fours, compared to only two for all England batsmen. But Cowans dealt with him with a direct-hit run-out from the boundary.

Foster and the spinners bowled well, the whole team, led by Lamb, fielded tightly and, despite more runs from Azharuddin — 45 this time — the rate drifted steadily downwards, and late bashes from Kapil Dev and Gavaskar failed to bump it up again. As happened at Pune, Cuttack and Bangalore, what looked like being a huge Indian total turned into something quite moderate.

At first sight, England had a much worse start. Fowler's attempts at lofting the ball into the empty spaces were less powerful than Srikkanth's, and Moxon struggled: he was missed three times, two catches and a stumping, on his way to 48. England however were running the singles, and in this form of cricket it is usually more effective to strike the ball softly and scamper a run before the fielders can gather it

Then Sivarama took a hand. The theory behind bringing him in — that he would concede as many runs as the medium-pacers but might take a few wickets along the way — is proving exactly right. Gower pulled a full toss to deep midwicket; Moxon drove a catch straight back; Lamb played on, sweeping.

Shastri turned the ball even more than Sivarama. He had Gatting caught behind, then spun deliveries past Marks and Edmonds for Viswanath to stump them. And that was it, except for a piece of wit from the electronic scoreboard which, at 147 for nine, put up under Run-rate required: PRAY; the choice of Srikkanth as man of the match, wrongly, because Sivarama turned the game; and an unhelpful press conference at which the roles were reversed from India, with Gower sitting sombrely and Gavaskar being addressed in tones suitable for the leader of the potential world champions.

Nothing here changes the healthy medium-term prognosis for English cricket It may even help by making the Australians complacent about the Ashes series this summer. But it was a wretched night for England, and this looks like turning into a wretched coda to the tour.

One can only offer the excuse that both teams last night were playing in pale blue; colour clashes are not supposed to happen in this brave new non-white world. Perhaps the England middle-order's urge to pass the ball to the opposition arose from simple confusion.

INDIA

R. J. Shastri c Fowler b Ellison	13
K. Srikanth run out	57
M. Azharuddin c and b Cowans	45
D. B. Vengsarkar run out	43
Kapil Dev c Downton b Cowans	29
S. M. Gavaskar not out	30
M. S. Amarnath c Lamb b Cowans	6
R. M. H. Binny c Marks b Foster	0
S. Madan Lal c Downton b Foster	2
S. Viswanath run out	8
Extras (lb 21)	2
Total (for 9, 50 overs)	235

Fall of wickets: 67, 74, 147, 183, 197, 218, 220, 220, 235.

Did not bat: L. Sivaramakrishnan.

Bowling: Cowans 10-0-50-3; Ellison 10-1-45-1; Foster 10-0-33-2; Edmonds 10-1-38-0; Marks 10-0-57-0.

ENGLAND

G. Fowler c Viswanath b Binny	28
M. D. Moxon c and b Sivaramakrishnan	48
D. I. Gower c Vengsarkar b Sivaramakrishnan	25
A. J. Lamb b Sivaramakrishnan	13
N. W. Gatting c Viswanath b Shastri	7
P. R. Downton c Shastri b Kapil Dev	8
V. J. Marks st Viswanath b Shastri	2
P. H. Edmonds st Viswanath b Shastri	5
R. M. Ellison c Viswanath b Madan Lal	1
N. A. Foster c Srikkanth b Madan Lal	1
N. G. Cowans not out	3
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w1, nb 1)	9
Total (41.4 overs)	149

Fall of wickets: 41, 94, 113, 126, 128, 130, 142, 144, 144.

Bowling: Kapil Dev 7-0-21-1 (w 1, nb 1); Binny 8-0-33-1; Madan Lal 6.4-0-19-2; Sivaramakrishnan 10-0-38-3; Shastri 10-2-30-3.

Umpires: B. Martin, R. French.

STANDINGS

GROUP A

	P	W	L	Pts	RR
India	2	2	0	4	4.37
Pakistan	2	1	1	2	4.45
Australia	2	1	1	2	4.35
England	2	0	2	0	3.66

Forgiven Hughes set for Sharjah

KIM HUGHES, the Australian cricketer and soap opera character, yesterday received evidence of the selectors' continuing confidence, or at least faith, in him when he was named in the Australians' 13-strong party to play in the Asia Cup in Sharjah next month.

Hughes' inclusion comes *only 48 hours after* yet another disastrous day for him when he was out for one against Pakistan to take his sequence to seven runs in his last seven innings for Australia, and was then abused by Allan Border, his successor as captain, for disappearing early to the airport without a word.

That appears to have been accepted as a misunderstanding. Hughes arranged his departure with the Australian team manager, Bob Merriman, but somehow the news never reached Border. Just for safety's sake Hughes apologised to Border yesterday; he is said to be spending the day before Australia's next match on Sunday practising hard and talking to people who have guided his career.

The major exclusion from the Sharjah squad is Rodney Hogg, who has a stomach muscle injury and now seems to have little chance of touring England this summer. The only other player in Australia's current world championship 14 to be left out is the young Tasmanian all-rounder Peter Faulkner; the slow left-arm bowler Murray Bennett comes in instead.

Graeme Wood replaces Hogg as vice-captain and may well keep the job in England. The squad for that rather more important tour will be chosen just before the Sharjah competition starts on March 22.

England, led for the nonce by Norman Gifford, India and Pakistan are also involved and everyone except England is likely to be at full strngth. Guaranteed money of £1,000 a head for two days' work even for the losers is counteracting the general fatigue and ennui with international one-day cricket.

Matthew Engel

Reid out of NZ tour

John Reid, New Zealand's outstanding batsman in the recent three-match Test series against Pakistan, announced yesterday that he would not be available for the tour of the West Indies starting next month.

Reid said the unacceptable demands of modern cricket, and family and teaching commitments, were the main reasons behind his decision not to tour. Reid, who scored centuries in the opening two Tests of the series against Pakistan, said: "Tours these days are not the leisurely trips they used to be. They seem to comprise only Tests and one-day internationals, and that increases the pressure at the top.

"This is something the world administrators must look at. Almost every international player you meet these days seems tired and run-down after tours. The game is becoming a bit humdrum."

New zealand's Caribbean tour, which includes four Tests and five one-day internationals, begins on March 15.

● Mohammed Azharuddin has been rejected by a British club shortly after setting a world record with centuries against England in each of his first three Tests for India. Azharuddin, 22, applied for the post of club professional with Lisburne, near Belfast, but was turned down because they feel he is too young.

John Samuel

Britain's mountain

SKIING

Elspeth Crosseley-Cooke, head of the British Alpine ski team, has told the National Ski Federation that unless more and better ways are found of funding the team she will not stay on next season.

A former international racer, Mrs Crosseley-Cooke was in charge of the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics teams and this season returned as chairman of the Alpine committee.

"We are £60,000 short of our essential needs on a budget of £82,000," she said. "It is a fine young team ready to go on to the Calgary Olympics in 1988 and beyond, but unless the Federation get to grips with the finance they will never get the results of which they are capable.

"We have to find more sponsorship, make a case for more public support, or if it comes to the worst rearrange our priorities. The money going out on Alpine biathlon and freestyle is spread too thin."

British results at the recent World Alpine Championships were a disappointment. Guinness came up with £6,000 or 10 top-40 placings, the best by Nigel Smith who was 21st in the combined. Even so, they were the worst results by a British team since 1966.

"The lack of money meant we had to say racing finished after the championships except for the Bell brothers in America and Canada," said Mrs Crosseley-Cooke.

"Graham was second in the world junior downhill last season. It showed we are not wasting our time and money in major ski racing."

The Austrian Dieter Bartsch, eight years' chief British coach and now head of the highly successful Swiss women's teams, tells Austrian press interviewers that he owes it all to the British. "It taught me my job from top to bottom. The British could win in the Alps. Why not? They have the sporting knowhow. It's just that it's never properly been tapped."

Pat Rowley — Cambridge U 2, Oxford U 0

Oxford Offen troubled

HOCKEY

Cambridge predictably won the 85th Varsity Match at Lord's, Oxford going the way of all pre-match favourites for this fixture, but rarely has one seen a side so dominate a match and lose.

Oxford simply steamrollered over Cambridge, forcing an incredible 26 penalty corners in the match whereas Cambridge had just four. The count accurately reflected Oxford's territorial supremacy and pressure, but Cambridge converted two of their four corners, Oxford not one.

Often one man seemed to stand between Oxford and a huge victory, the new Cambridge goalkeeper, Simon Offen. A big man, he did not seem the most mobile of goalkeepers but he stayed on his line, got behind everything fired at him, was quick enough to save the initial shots and rebounds, and occasionally enjoyed kicking the ball clear

There was no doubt in anyone's mind that hard on the presentation of the GRE Assurance Bowl to Ian Ashby, the Cambridge captain, Offen would receive the sponsor's man-of-the-match award.

Lord's seemed ready for the cricket season on an almost springlike afternoon. The ground was soft and spectators had hardly reached the Nursery End when Cambridge were ahead. A long ball from Sudell brought Cambridge the first penalty corner in the fourth minute and the well-built right half drove the ball very centrally past Venables

Oxford proceeded to encamp in Cambridge's 25, forcing seven short corners in a four-minute spell and testing Offen nearly every time.

By the time Cambridge scored from their third penalty corner midway through the second half, the Tasmanian Tim Monks seemed programmed to shoot straight at Offen. Sudell, on the other hand, turned away almost disdainfully when he scored

Oxford University. — P. Venables; T. J. Monks*, D. N. Sanders*; P. Keohane* (capt), N. Stevenson*, R. J. McIntyre*, M. Swallow*, S. Horne*, G. J. Nicholls, A. Mee, R. Oldershaw. Sub: G. Harward.

Cambridge University. — S. B. Offen; R. A. H. Bannock; I. A. G. Ashby* (capt), P. G. Sudell, P. T. Coates*, R. G. Miles*; G. D. Harper*, C. J. Makin*, R. A. J. Rush*, M. N. Robinson, A. E. Shafto. Sub: C. D. C. Pitcher.

Umpires: Bawa Singh (MCHUA) and M. P. Grimsdale (SCHUA).

(* denotes Blue)

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42 3-02044 HEARTBREAK HOTEL (Mrs B. Butterworth) Mrs B. Butterworth 7-10-12 ... Mrs B. Butterworth (7)
43 3-00000 LITTLE MITTENS (R. Barr) R. Barr 7-10-12 ... doubtful
47 0021 JOCA (Bousfield Joinery Co) J. Parkes 4-10-7 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
49 0 NORTHGATE VENTURE (N. Hartas) M. Ellerby 4-10-7 ... Mr R. Morley
53 00 SIBUNDY (County Properties) C. Tinker 4-10-7 ... Mr R. O'Leary
57 0 MIJANINA (P. Halsall) Ron Thompson 4-10-2 ... R. Balfour (7)

1984: No corresponding race.

Betting forecast: Mariner's Dream, 4 A Sure Row, 9-2 Majestic Lad, 8 Glen Lochan, 9 Emo Forever, 10 Fergy Foster.

TOP FORM TIPS: A Sure Row 8, Mariner's Dream 7, Glen Lochan.

2 15—KLIX DRINKS NOVICES' CHASE: 2½m: £1,550 (9 runners)

2 132114 NUMERATE (H. Littler) R. Fisher 6-12-3 ...
3 P31-031 NEWLIFE CONNECTION (B. McMillan) W. A. Stephenson 6-11-10 R. Lamb
4 3100-3P HARDY RANCH (W. Brett) O. Brennan 6-11-3 ... M. Brennan
5 P04P JUPITER PRINCE (W. A. Stephenson) W. A. Stephenson 6-11-3 Mr P. J. Dunn
8 403-300 MARACAS BAY * (Mrs J. Waggott) N. Waggott 6-11-3 ... G. Bradley
9 0410C0 NARSINH (B. Bates) L. Lightbrown 6-11-3 ... K. Sims (7)
10 3410P-3 PERMAJOS (M. Walker) K. Stone 6-11-3 ... A. Brown
13 00-004P CONWAY GROVE (N. Chamberlain) N. Chamberlain 5-10-7 ... M. Pepper
14 00- COUNTRY PARK (M. Steven) Mrs P. Stevens 5-10-7 ... S. Keightley

1984: Grinders 6-11-8. P. A. Charlton 2-1 Fav. E. Carter 14 ran.

Betting forecast: 7-4 Newlife Connection, 5-2 Permajos, 4 Numerate, 6 Hardy Ranch, 10 Jupiter Prince.

TOP FORM TIPS: Newlife Connection 8, Numerate 7, Permajos 6.

2 50—MICKLETHWAITE HANDICAP HURDLE; 3m; £2,725 (11 runners).

3 2303-P0 MOSSMORRAN (C/D) (D. Armstrong) A. Scott 6-11-7 ... G. Bradley
5 441213 CHETEL (D) (R. Brewis) R. Brewis 11-11-3 ... P. A. Farrell (7)
6 1-033P4 BALLY-GO * (D) (C. Bell) M. W. Easterby 8-11-0 ... P. Tuck
7 0-01100 EBORACUM (C) (Mrs A. Harker) B. Wilkinson 7-11-0 ... Mr G. Harker (7)
8 FP0/0-0 HAPPY VOYAGE (S. Hartley) C. Parker 10-10-13 ... D. Browne
9 0F-2011 CRAMMOND BRIG (W. Jackson) M. W. Easterby 8-10-11 M. Hindley (4)
21 P00T BARDSEY (Ryland Vehicle Group) R. Hollinshead 5-10-0 ... J. J. O'Neill
22 0320P1 JOE'S FANCY (P. Liddle) P. Liddle 7-10-0 ... G. W. Gray
24 140004 GORSKY (G. Dawes) G. M. Moore 9-10-0 ... M. Hammond
25 F00FP/0 ALWAYS LUCKY (C) (Lin Pac Containers) W. Elsey 9-10-0 P. A. Charlton
26 0-00003 VICTORY MORN (Mrs E. Dixon) J. Dixon 9-10-0 ...

1984: Bois Rouge 7-10-2 S. Morshead 7-1 Mrs W. Sykes 18 ran.

Betting forecast: 5-2 Crammond Brig, 100-30 Chetel, 5 Mossmorran, 6 Bally-Go, 10 Eboracum 12, Bardsey.

TOP FORM TIPS: Crammond Brig 8, Chetel 7, Bardsey 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap: CRAMMOND BRIG (2.50 Wetherby)
Next best: MARINER'S DREAM (1.45 Wetherby)

3 20—EAST KESWICK HANDICAP CHASE: 2m 50yds: £2,406 (8 runners)

1 P/F301- NO BOMBS (C/D) (Swallwell Stud) M. H. Easterby 10-12-7 J. J. O'Neill
2 113220 FOGEY BUOY (Ld Ronaldshay) P. Calver 11-11-12 ... C. Grant
7 13-0F23 STRAIGHT DOWN (S. Green) N. Crump 8-10-10 ... C. Hawkins
8 140211 TROILENA (C/D) (R. Com) R. Fisher 9-10-9 ... J. D. Doyle (4)
9 12310 BIRSBY (Exors. R. McDonald) R. McDonald 11-10-6 P. A. Farrell (7)
10 232402 JIMMY CHIPS (W. Raw) W. Raw 8-10-4 ... B. Storey
12 102034 SAINT MUN * (T. Cullum) Mrs D. Cullum 11-10-0 ... C. Pimlott
13 233-4P2 BRAHMS AND LASZT (D) (J. Parish) W. Charles 9-10-0 ... M. Charles

1984: Averson 8-10-11 P. A. Charlton 4-1 W. Haigh 6 ran.

Betting forecast: 15-8 Troilena, 11-4 Straight Down, 4 No Bombs, 5 Foggy Buoy, 8 Birsby.

TOP FORM TIPS: Troilena 8, No Bombs 7, Foggy Buoy 6.

3 50—ABERFORD HUNTERS' CHASE: Amateur Riders; 3m 100yds; £883 (11 runners)

2 P10F3-0 KIKORI (R. Bethell) R. Bethell 10-12-0 ... W. Bethell (7)
6 1P/PP-P CAMP HILL (L. Oakes) L. Dakes 9-11-7 ... S. Roberts (7)
7 PF3204- MELODIC LAD (C/D) (W. Lamarque) W. Lamarque 10-11-7 T. D. Smith (7)
8 2- BACK IN ACTION (I. Williams) D. Moorhead 6-11-2 ... E. Freeman (7)
9 30F03- BAWNEEN (Lady Renwick) Lady Renwick 11-11-2 ... T. Reed (4)
10 2/0F- BROTHER JACK (Mrs J. Bealby) Mrs J. Bealby 9-11-2 .. C. Bealby (7)
11 00P/F0 COLD SNAP (T. Easterby) M. H. Easterby 8-11-2
13 P/ LITTLE BUDWORTH (Mrs P. Russell) Mrs P. Russell 8-11-2 D. Kinsella (7)
14 40342F/ LOMBARDY STAR (M. H. Easterby) M. H. Easterby 8-11-2 .. T. Easterby
15 4F/4-0 MORETON (D. Brown) D. Brown 11-11-2 ... A. Rehart (7)
16 0-0 SCRUDGE (R. Ross) R. Ross 9-11-2 ... R. Jones (7)

1984: Vaughal 8-11-8. Mr J. Greenall 11-10 Fav W. A. Stephenson 9 ran.

Betting forecast: 2 Melodic Lad, 7-2 Kikori, 9-2 Cold Snap, 8 Moreton, 9 Brother Jack, 12 Lombardy Star.

TOP FORM TIPS: Melodic Lad 8, Kikori 7, Moreton 6.

4 25—HAREWOOD NOVICES' HURDLE; 2m; £748 (23 runners).

2 11 TRY TO STOP ME (C/D) (A. Wilkinson) Denys Smith 11-7 ... C. Grant
3 00130 CHEERFUL DAYS (D) (C. Gould) A. Scott 11-0 ... G. Bradley
7 401 RIBOBELLE (C/D) (T. Chandler) Ron Thomson 10-9 Jayne Thomson (7)
9 004 BLACKWELL BOY (Mrs M. Lambert) M. Lambert 10-7 ... P. A. Charlton
13 CEDAR HALL (Mrs E. Rhind) M. W. Easterby 10-7 ... A. Dickman
14 0 COURT-PRINCE (J.-Aslaire) C. Tinkler 10-7 ... R. Lamb
17 DRAGONADE (R. Davison) C. Booth 10-7 ... S. Charlton
18 EMPEROR'S PROVIDENCE (J. Parish) W. Charles 10-7 ... M. Charles
19 P2 GIFTED GIFT (D. Lowe) K. Morgan 10-7 ... S. Johnson (7)
20 00 GUNNER ROYAL (J. Ridgeon) H. Wharton 10-7 ... M. Brennan
23 HABAT'S MELODY (M. Vaughan) L. Vickers 10-7 ... G. Keightley
25 0 HELLO GYPSY (M. Turner) C. Tinkler 10-7 ... R. O'Leary
27 00 HOMETOWN (M. Sainey) J. FitzGerald 10-7 ... M. Dwyer
28 0 IN THE BREEZE (R. Somerville) N. Tinkler 10-7 ... N. Tinkler
30 3 MARLION (Mrs M. Grant) Miss S. Hall 10-7 ... K. Teelan (4)
31 000 METCALFE FLEET (Chris Metcalfe Ltd) M. W. Easterby 10-7 M. Hindley (4)
35 0 ROSEMAN (Mrs C. Shaw) J. Leigh 10-7 ...
36 034 ROSSY FOR SPORT (H. Barker) A. Smith 10-7 ... J. A. Harris
38 0030 SAVOIR VIVRE (T. Wilson) M. W. Easterby 10-7 ... P. Tuck
42 P00 SQUIRES GOLD (M. Dickson) M. Dickinson 10-7 ... doubtful
44 THE CLOWN (G. Greenwood) Mr P. Naughton 10-7 ... doubtful
49 020 COBBY CATTLE (J. Raine) J. H. Johnson 10-2 ... J. J. O'Neill
53 300P0 QUALITAIR PRINCESS (Qualitair Eng) K. Stone 10-2 ...
54 REMAINDER WYN (R. Wakefield) K. A. Morgan 10-2 ...
55 0F SANYABEER LASS (T. Kersey) T. Kersey 10-2 ... M. Bastard

1984: Johnbull 7-11-7 Mr T. Easterby 3-1 M. H. Easterby 14 ran.

Betting forecast: 4-5 Try To Stop Me, 5 Marlion, 7 Ribobelle, 8 Cheerful Days, 12 Rossy For Sport, 16 Savoir Vivre.

TOP FORM TIPS: Try To Stop Me 10, Ribobelle 8, Marlion 7.

WORCESTER

*—DENOTES BLINKERS: GOING: Good to soft

2 0—FERRY NOVICES' HURDLE; Div I; 2m; £958 (22 runners).

6 2 AZIANO D. Nicholson 5-11-2 ... P. Scudamore
7 BELTAME THE SMITH J. Thorne 5-11-2 ... Mr N. Dunn (4)
13 F04- CRUMPET CATCHER D. Richards 5-11-2 ... Mr P. Richards (7)
15 8/04240 DRAGON PALACE D. Elsworth 7-11-2 ... C. Brown
18 0 GERAMM J. Edwards 5-11-2 ... P. Barton
27 040 JOHN'S SECRET K. Bridgwater 6-11-2 ... W. Worthington (7)
28 0 LAST ENEMY J. Webber 5-11-2 ... G. McCourt
32 00 MANSERIN T. Hall 5-11-2 ... R. Crank
33 4030 MAILENDOR M. Tate 5-11-2 ... S. Smith Eccles
37 0F-3 ONE-T-CORBET Lt Shrewsbury 6-11-2 P. Warner
46 434 STAR OF ARABIA Mrs J. Pitman 6-11-2 ... M. Pitman (7)
50 002 TAYLORSTOWN (BF) J. Jenkins 5-11-2 J. Francome
55 0 TUXALL BOY W. Clay 6-11-2 ... S. O'Neill
60 FF-00 VULROMY'S CLOWN Mrs H. Dawson 7-11-2 ... P. Nicholls
68 R0 LADY BROOKLYN * A. Barrow 5-10-11 R. Hoare
69 LADY WREKIN R. Pocock 5-10-11 ... A. Carroll
76 P PORTO IRENE D. Tucker 5-10-11 N. Coleman (4)
87 NEDJES A. James 4-10-8 ...
96 04 PEARL RUN D. Price 4-10-8 ... S. Morshead
99 0 STATE BUDGET W. Musson 4-10-8 ... C. Smith
104 02 WINNING FLUSH M. Scudamore 4-10-8 M. Williams
106 BELLEKINO R. Hollinshead 4-10-3 ... J. Frost

Betting forecast: 5-2 Aziano, 4 Taylorstown, 5 Winning Flush, 13-2 Bellekino, 8 Star of Arabia, Dragon Palace, 12 State Budget.

TOP FORM TIPS: Aziano 8, Taylorstown 7, Star of Arabia 6.

2 30—FORT ROYAL NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE; 3m; £1,864 (18 runners).

3 P32122 EMMASON J. Spearing 10-11-9 ... S. Morshead
5 F30-110 DERYCAN (D) Lady Herries 9-11-5 ... Mr T. Thomson-Jones
7 P43112 ROYSCRIPT (D) J. Chugg 8-11-1 ... P. Dever
9 0-01030 ONLY FOR LOVE D. Nicholson 6-10-12 P. Scudamore
12 0-33201 GREENORE PRIDE (D) P. O'Connor 8-10-8 H. Davies
14 0F-00FF MAGIC MOUSE J. Colston 9-10-7 ... Mr T. Stephenson (7)
15 333-002 SPANISH GOD C. Popham 10-10-5 ... N. Fearn (7)
16 00-03 SLAVE LANE N. Henderson 6-10-3 ... J. White
19 04P8P1 MONKTON HILL D. Durlosse 6-10-3 ... R. Dunwoody
20 P00/3F- SAM BENNION M. Wilesmith 10-10-2 ... B. Powell
21 2/F4-0P BROUGHTON LAD R. Chugg 12-10-1 R. Pusey (4)
23 30-0041 NOBLE PATROL C. James 7-10-0 ... G. McCourt
25 02-3520 SEVEN ACRES D. Wintle 7-10-0 ... Mr N. Bishop
26 002/P-5 PRINCE BAI R. Champion 9-10-0 ... R. Lowe
28 P0-0PPF BLUE SPECKLE K. White 7-10-0 ... A. Webb
32 03-0032 RALATIGH'S FLAIR Miss P. Neal 10-10-0 R. Hoare
34 0/0020P TEN BELOW Lady Herries 7-10-0 ... M. Keane
35 0044/43 BROWN VEIL R. Armytage 10-10-0 ... A. Webber

Betting forecast: 3 Emmason, 4 Derycan, 11-2 Royscript, 13-2 Greenore Pride, 8 Only For Love, Brown Veil, 12 Monkton Hill, Spanish God.

TOP FORM TIPS: Greenore Pride 8, Emmason 7, Derycan 6.

3 0—VOWCHURCH COURT STUD CRUISE MISSILE NOVICES' HURDLE QUALIFIER: 2½m: £1,717 (24 runners)

1 00-3141 MEARLIN J. Old 6-11-7 ...
2 42-10 KATIE MAC (D) G. Richards 7-11-0 N. Doughty
3 23-2231 STARS AND STRIPES R. Frost 6-11-0 J. Frost
6 0-P0 ANOTHER SPACE Mrs S. Dawesport 6-10-7 doubtful
8 F40 BARRTUDE Mrs M. Rimell 7-10-7 ... S. Morshead
9 2 BOOTLEGGERS MOLL A. Bailey 5-10-7 A. Carroll
10 000 CAUCHEMAR Mrs J. Barrow 6-10-7 Peter Hobbs
12 PP-00 CLAIR SOLEIL Mrs J. Croft 5-10-7 ... R. Dickin
14 00P0 DOLREARE LASS Miss P. Neal 7-10-7 R. Hoare
17 0 FERNESSA M. Heariveles 5-10-7 G. Charles-Jones (4)
18 0 GAY RHYTHM D. Elsworth 5-10-7 ... C. Brown
21 P00003 IRISH CORN D. Carey 5-10-7 ... Lama Vincent
22 P IVY ROYAL P. Bomford 6-10-7 ... R. Dunwoody
23 PP LINCOMBE LASS F. Yardley 6-10-7 ... C. Smith
24 4 LIQUER CANDY J. Webber 6-10-7 ... G. McCourt
25 2P LITTLE ANTHEM (BF) N. Henderson 5-10-7 C. Mann
26 UU-00 LITTLE KHAN J. Johnson 6-10-7 ... A. Webber
27 2-34202 MAJUBA ROAD D. Barons 5-10-7 ... H. Davies
29 0N MERRY CHERRY Mrs W. Sykes 6-10-7 P. Scudamore
32 0P 3N0 STOREEN K. Dunn 5-10-7 ...
36 0 PREMIER SUSAN S. Christian 7-10-7 ... K. Mooney
38 814180 SILVA LINDA (BF) F. Winter 7-10-7 B. de Haan
40 SUNY FJORLONG Mrs G. Jones 5-10-7 ... J. Burke
43 F00 TORY MEMBER Mrs M. Rimell 8-10-7 ... A. Shrewe
45 00000/0 VULGAN'S HONOR D. O'Neill 7-10-7 ... A. Webb

Betting forecast: 7-2 Mearlin, 9-2 Stars And Stripes, 6 Silva Linda, Majuba Road, 15-2 Katie Mac, 10 Gay Rhythm, Liquer Candy, 12 Little Anthem.

TOP FORM TIPS: Mearlin 8, Majuba Road 7, Stars And Stripes 6.

3 30—SIDBURY LIMITED HANDICAP CHASE: 2½m: £2,598 (9 runners).

1 F1111-1 BADSWORTH BOY (C) Mrs M. Dickinson 10-12-0 ... R. Earnshaw
2 4-31221 CLASSIFIED (D) N. Henderson 9-10-7 ... S. Smith Eccles
3 231/03- GALLAHER (D) F. Walwyn 9-10-7 ... K. Mooney
5 81241 ACARINE (D) P. Harris 9-10-7 ... R. Strange
8 211000 GAMBLING PRINCE (D) Mrs G. Jones 12-10-7 ... J. Burke
10 P0/110- FINAL ARGUMENT (D) G. Richards 9-10-7 ... D. Coakley (4)

Browne's Gazette does it in style

RACING

Harry Heymer

Rumours that all is not well are always being circulated about well backed ante-post favourites, whether on the flat or over the sticks, and just recently the object of such stories was Browne's Gazette, ante-post favourite for the Champion Hurdle.

At Kelso yesterday Mrs Monica Dickinson's seven-year-old showed in no uncertain manner that nothing could be further from the truth and he skated in by an easy twenty lengths from Allten Glazed, who was strongly fancied for the abandoned Schweppes and was in receipt of 17lb.

It was a delightful peformance and both the trainer, and rider Dermot Browne, were extremely pleased by the way he went about his task, having been absent from a racecourse since beating Desert Orchid and See You Then in the Ladbroke Christmas Hurdle at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Browne's Gazette cruised into the lead five flights from home and although making a slight mistake, he ran away from Allten Glazed over the last two obstacles to win as he pleased.

The jockey said, "He has done it well. Now he goes to Cheltenham in two weeks' time, although he did get a bit close to some of his hurdles." Hills shortened his Champion odds from 8-11 to 8-13, while Ladbrokes have him at 4-6 but they had support for Gaye Brief and clipped his price from 5-1 to 7-2.

Trainer Mick Naughton was satisfied with Allten Glazed's performance and says that the eight-year-old will now be aimed at the County Hurdle at the Festival meeting next month.

At Nottingham Golden Ty, who was runner-up to Corked at Doncaster on Saturday, made his superior fitness tell to take the Dingley Dell Hunters' Chase but the interest here was with the 1981 Gold Cup winner, Little Owl, who was racing for the first time since January of last year.

He finished sixth but pleased his rider Jim Wilson, who said, "He was as big as a house but jumped well and will probably turn out again at either Leicester on Monday or Bangor-on-Dee next Wednesday.

"He was entered for this year's Gold Cup in the hope of a clear winter and in case the going was bottomless at Cheltenham but I should think it's unlikely he will run there."

Half an hour later Mr Snugfit was a convincing winner of the Long Eaton Handicap Chase over three and a half miles. He took it up two fences from home and went on to beat topweight Planetman by twelve lengths.

Everyone was impressed and Corals slashed his Grand National price from 33-1 to 20-1 but Ladbrokes were a little more generous, settling on 25-1 as his final odds. Those who fancy Mr Snugfit should not be too anxious to back him. His Aintree weight is only 8st 10lb and he could be taken out of the race unless many of those above him are absentees.

As owner Adrian Greenwood says, "I'm simply relying on 16 horses above him dropping out. You can imagine how I feel with a horse like Mr Snugfit and a jockey like Phil Tuck to partner him and they might not get into the National line-up."

At Plumpton Sommelier completed a hat-trick with a super exhibition of fencing in the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase, winning unchallenged by fifteen lengths from Laurence Rambler. Sommelier obviously has a bright future but connections are going to take things gradually and races like the Grand National will have to wait a while.

First Bout, who romped home by six lengths in division two of the Catford Novice Hurdle, will have a lot of supporters in the Triumph Hurdle, for which he had already been backed on the strength of his work at home.

RESULTS

NOTTINGHAM

2.0 (2m Hdle): 1, MISCHIEVOUS JACK, J. Williams (33-1); 2, Hay Fever (33-1); 3, River Lane (4-1). Also: 9-4 fav Soixante Quinze, 15-2 Downtown Foxy, 11 Woodpecker Boy, 12 Log Cabin, 14 Milly's Daughter, Asian King, 25 Kit Courage, Strolz 6th, 33 Dassells, Daring Frank, Dawn Lady 5th, Mummy's Fancy 4th. (15 ran). 1l, 3, 2l, 1, nk. (J. Scallan). Tote: £80.20; £17.30, £8.10, £1.60. Dual F: £11.40 (winner or 2nd with any other horse). CSF: £665.50.

2.30 (2m Ch): 1, GOLDEN TY, Mr A. Dickey (14-1); 2, City Boy (10-1); 3, Prominent King (7-4 fav). Also: 9-4 Hot Fever 4th, 6 Little Owl 6th, 12 Tea Cherries, 16 Grandogan ref, White Paper 5th, 50 Premier Mai pu, Travelaid, 66 Battalion pu, 100 Alabama pu. (12 ran). 10l, 2l, 2, 15. (V. Hall). Tote: £11.60; £1.60, £2.10, £1.10. Dual F: £60.60. CSF: £134.81.

3.0 (3½m Ch): 1, MR SNUGFIT, P. Tuck (5-1); 2, Planetman (2-1 fav); 3, Smith's Man (7-2).

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax AM. 6 50 Breakfast Time. 9 20 Pages from Ceefax. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Gharbar. 11 15 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News after Noon. 12 57 Regional News. 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 King Rollo. 1 50 Bric-a-Brac. 2 0 Pages from Ceefax. 3 48 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 The Puppy's New Adventures. 4 30 Jackanory: The Hollow Land by Jane Gardam. 4 45 Captain Caveman. 4 55 John Craven's Newsround. 5 5 Seaview. 5 35 Grange Hill. Ceefax sub-titles.

6 0 NEWS; Weather news.

6 35 REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.

7 0 WOGAN. With showman organist Carlo Curley, plus Bob Carolgees with Spit the dog, Fumph the ferret and Charlie the monkey. Powerful stuff.

7 25 WORLD CUP SPECIAL: Northern Ireland v England. From Windsor Park, Belfast, live coverage of the whole of the qualifying match which is vital to both teams' hopes of getting to Mexico. Jimmy Hill introduces the programme with Trevor Brooking chipping in, and John Motson in the commentary box. Plus, at half time, highlights of the Group 7 match between Scotland and Spain in Seville and the rest of the night's news from Bob Wilson.

9 25 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party.

9 35 NEWS; Weather; News.

Hildegard Neil and Roger Moore

10 0 THE MAN WHO HAUNTED HIMSELF. The hapless chap at the centre of Basil Dearden's psychological thriller, made in 1970, is a boring businessman who survives a bad car crash only to find that an extrovert alter ego has taken over his life. Is he potty, or being got at? Roger Moore, then pre-Bond, leads, with Hildegard Neil as his wife, plus Anton Rodgers, Freddie Jones.

11 30 NIGHT COURT. Quadrangle of Love. Harry Anderson presides over another sitting of extremely silly sitcoms from the States.

11 55 Weather: close.

Wales: 5 35-6 0 pm Wales Today. 6 35-7 0 Sportrullo. 11 55 Film '85. 12 25 am News; Weather; Close.
Scotland: 6 35-9 25 pm Reporting Scotland and World Cup Sportscene. 10 0 Superscot. 10 30 Film: The Man Who Haunted Himself (1970). With Roger Moore. 12 0 News; Weather; Close.
Northern Ireland: 5 35 pm Today's Sport. 5 40-6 0 Inside Ulster. 6 35-7 0 Grange Hill.

BBC-2

6 55-7 20 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 38 Daytime on Two: Science Workshop: 10 0 You and Me: 10 15 Maths Counts; 10 30 A-Level Studies: Statistics; 11 0 Words and Pictures; 11 17 The Music Arcade; 11 39 General Studies; 12 5 pm Russian Language and People; 12 30 Honourable Members; 12 55 Switch on to English; 1 21 Descubra Espana; 1 38 Let's See; 2 0 Watch; 2 18 Update USA; 2 40 Zig Zag (Ceefax sub-titles). 3 0 Pages from Ceefax.

5 30 NEWS with sub-titles; weather.

5 35 ARTHUR NEGUS ENJOYS: Firle Place, East Sussex. David Battie is Arthur's guest on this repeated visit to an elegant Georgian house lying under the Sussex Downs.

6 0 HORIZONS WEST. Rock Hudson, Robert Ryan lead routine 1952 Western, made by Bud Boetticher, as the brothers splitting up after the Civil War to go their predictable separate ways—one as outlaw, one as lawman.

7 20 FLOWER OF THE MONTH: Daffodils. With Geoffrey Smith.

7 30 OPEN SPACE: The Enemy Within. Latest programme in the occasional series which provides a professional advocate for those with a case to plead, with barrister Michael Mansfield putting the pro-union view. The real enemy within, he argues, are not the trade unionists but those who wish to restrict their freedom.

8 10 BRASS TACKS: A Patient's Dilemma. On the day that practitioners in alternative therapies launch their own council in a new bid for professional recognition, David Henshaw investigates the confusing range of alternative healing treatments available to those who have rejected orthodox medicine — and the controversy over the qualifications of those who claim to cure "naturally."

9 0 BLOTT ON THE LANDSCAPE. More Machiavellian developments in the rollicking Tom Sharpe dramatisation, with Dunbridge (Simon Cadell) bent on getting his own back for his nasty experience in Lady Maud's bed; she (Geraldine James) roping in Blott to head off the new threat to the Gorge. Ceefax sub-titles.

9 55 THE MOODY BLUES. The first half of the long-established band's recent Wembley concert, with more to follow next Wednesday.

10 30 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party.

10 40 NEWSNIGHT. 11 25 Weather View.

11 30 Open University. 12 25 Close.

ITV London

6 15 am Good Morning Britain. 9 25 News Headlines; Schools: 9 35 Start the Day; 9 47 Starting Science: 10 4 The Micro at Work; 10 21 The English Programme; 10 48 School's Out; 11 10 Stop, Look, Listen; 11 22 Picture Box; 11 39 How We Used to Live. 12 0 Button Moon. 12 10 pm Our Backyard. 12 30 Mr and Mrs. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 A Country Practice. 2 25 Home Cookery Club. 2 30 On the Market. 3 0 Gems. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 Sons and Daughters. 4 0 Button Moon. 4 15 The Moomins. 4 20 Do It. Oracle subtitles. 4 45 Fraggle Rock. 5 15 Blockbusters.

5 45 NEWS; weather.

6 0 THAMES NEWS with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.

6 25 HELP! with Viv Taylor Gee.

7 0 WISH YOU WERE HERE . . . ? Treasure-hunter Anneka Rice reports from Sydney at the start of a five-week tour of Australia (with a visit to a boomerang-throwing school to ensure her return); Judith C. heads for the Algarve, while Chris K. investigates the personal attention offered by Britain's small domestic airlines. Oracle sub-titles.

7 30 CORONATION STREET. Oracle subtitles.

8 0 THIS IS YOUR LIFE.

8 30 THERE COMES A TIME. . . . Second episode of Wally K. Daly's off-beat and sadly unfunny comedy, with Andrew Sachs as the doomed victim of ticktock disease, now deciding that he may as well not bother waiting until his time is up. Oracle sub-titles.

Stephen Moore, Martin Shaw: The Last Place on Earth

9 0 THE LAST PLACE ON EARTH: Leading Men. Continuing Central's Antarctic drama, with Martin Shaw as Captain Scott, much unsettled by the news that he has a rival in his bid to reach the Pole: Sverre Anker Ousdal as Amundsen. Oracle subtitles.

10 0 PARTY POLITICAL BROADCAST by the Labour Party.

10 10 NEWS AT TEN: weather.

10 40 INTERNATIONAL SNOOKER. The last of the quarter-finals in the British Open from the Assembly Rooms, Derby.

12 15 NIGHT THOUGHTS with the Bishop of Durham. Closedown.

Channel 4

2 30 pm Snooker. 4 0 A Plus 4. 4 30 Countdown. 5 0 Alice. 5 30 The Mary Tyler Moore Show.

6 0 DANGER MAN: Colonel Rodriguez. Patrick McGoohan as agent John Drake, briefed to rescue an American journalist arrested on a fake spying charge in a banana republic, in an episode of the old b-and-w drama which also features Ronald Allen, Honor Blackman.

6 30 THE LIVING BODY: Internal Defences. Using the common cold virus as an example — passed on in this case by the skin contact which is a much greater source of infection than a sneeze — the latest episode shows how our immune systems can identify intruders, and manufacture a unique weapon for deployment against each one.

7 0 CHANNEL FOUR NEWS. 7 50 Comment. By a Conservative MP. Weather.

8 0 THE DRAGON HAS TWO TONGUES: Rebirth of a Nation? What was behind the growth of religious nonconformity in Wales in the late 18th century? Eloquent preachers and a spiritual need, thinks Wynford Vaughan-Thomas; inevitably his Marxist sparring partner reckons that it was capitalism alone which led to Chapel.

8 30 DIVERSE REPORTS: An inquiry into the teachers' dispute as schools in England and Wales prepare for a second season of disruption.

9 0 VISIONS. With Channel Four's new season of Hungarian films starting later this evening, tonight's edition of the monthly cinema magazine looks at the work of Hungary's young film-makers in exposing the weaknesses of their socialist consumer society. More on Socialist cinema from Nicaragua, with a report on the fledgling, and struggling State film enterprise Incine, plus Michael Eaton on the new cinema releases.

10 0 THE TWO OF THEM. Made in 1977 by Marta Meszaros, this first film in the Hungarian movie season stars onetime sex kitten Marina Vlady as the poised and tranquil Mari, whose friendship with a younger, wilder woman disrupts the harmony of her happily-married existence.

11 45 DADARAMA: Green River/Yellow River. Another electronic experience created by David Cunningham. 11 55 Closedown.

S4C. — 1 0 pm Countdown. 1 30 S.W.A.L.K. 2 0 Beth, Sut, Pam, Pryd a Ble? 2 20 Ffalabalam. 2 35 Hyn o Fyd. 2 55 Snooker. 4 0 A Home of Your Own. 4 45 Ffalabalam. 4 55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5 35 Danger Man. 6 0 Brookside. 6 30 Pwl. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Dilyn yr Og. 8 0 Yr Achos Hwn. 8 30 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 9 5 Film: Beyond Reasonable Doubt (1980). With David Hemmings, John Hargreaves. 11 0 Diverse Reports. 11 25 Black on Black. 12 25 Diwedd.

Anglia

6 15 As London.
1 20 Anglia News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
6 0 About Anglia.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Candles in the Dark: close.

Channel

6 15 As London.
12 30 Teachers Only.
1 0 News.
1 20 Channel News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
5 15 The Phyllis Diller Show.
5 45 News.
6 0 Channel Report.
6 30 Crossroads.
6 55 The Barnstormers.
7 0 As London.
10 0 Jack Duff and the Gary Lloyd Sound.
10 10 As London.
12 25 News in French: close.

Central

6 15 As London.
12 30 Silver Spoons.
1 0 News.
1 20 Central News.
1 30 Hardcastle and McCormick.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Survival.
5 45 News.
6 0 This is your Right.
6 5 Crossroads.
6 30 Granada Reports.
7 0 As London.
12 20 Close.

Granada

6 15 As London.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 0 News.
1 20 Granada Reports.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
5 45 News.
6 0 HTV News.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Weather; close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0-6 35 pm Wales at Six.

South

6 15 As London.
12 30 The Sullivans.
1 0 News.
1 20 TVS News.
1 30 Afternoon Club; Mr & Mrs.
2 0 Problem Page.
2 30 As London.
3 30 The Young Doctors.
4 0 As London.
5 15 Three Little Words.

HTV

6 15 As London.
12 30 Benson.
1 0 News.
1 20 HTV News.
1 30 Simon and Simon.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Three Little Words.
6 0 Coast to Coast.
6 35 As London.
12 25 Company; close.

South-West

6 15 As London.
12 30 Teachers Only.
1 0 News.
1 20 TSW News.
1 30 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays.
5 20 Crossroads.
5 45 News.
6 0 Today South-west.
6 30 Politics South-west.
7 0 As London.
12 25 Postscript: weather; close.

Tyne-Tees

6 15 As London.
12 30 Bygones.
1 0 News.
1 20 North-east News.
1 25 A Country Practice.
2 30 As London
5 15 Madabout.
5 45 News.
6 2 Crossroads.
6 30 Northern Life.
7 0 As London.
12 15 Women's World Day of Prayers; close.

Yorkshire

6 15 As London.
12 30 Calendar Health Club.
1 0 News.
1 20 Calendar News.
1 30 Falcon Crest.
2 30 As London.
5 15 Survival.
5 45 News.
6 0 Calendar.
6 35 As London.
12 15 Close.

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 midnight John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Colin Berry. 6 0 Ray Moore 8 5 Ken Bruce. 10 30 Jimmy Young. 1 5 pm David Jacobs. 2 0 Gloria Hunniford 3 30 Music all the Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 John Dunn (VHF only from 7 30). 7 30-9 30 medium wave International Soccer Special. 8 0 VHF String Sound. 8 30 VHF Male Voice Choir Competition. 9 15 Listen to the Band (MF also from 9 30). 10 0 Cantabile. 10 15 The Life of Jim. 10 30 Hubert Gregg. 11 0 Brian Matthew. 1 0 am Bill Rennells. 3 0 Cynthia Glover Sings. 3 30-4 0 Vintage Sporting Years.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather; News; Midweek Choice.
9 0 News; This Week's Composers: The Papal Court. Palestrina: Missa Tu es Petrus: Kyrie; Gloria; Credo. Motet — Tu es Petrus. Missa Tu es Petrus: Agnus Dei. Choir of King's College, Cambridge.
9 45 Two Composer Conductors. Pfitzner: Prelude — Palestrina. Act 2 (Berlin State Opera/Pfitzner recorded in 1931); Hindemith: Mathis der Maler (Berlin PO/Hindemith, recorded in 1955).
10 25 Violin and Piano (Paul Barritt, William Howard). Judith Weir: Music for 247 strings; Haydn: Violin Sonata in G; Janacek: Sonata.
11 5 Russian Music. Borodin: Overture Prince Igor; Tchaikovsky: Five songs; Prokofiev: Symphony No 7. BBC PO/Downes, Susan Kessler (mezzo).
12 15 Concert Hall: Paul Galbraith (guitar). Ponce: Theme varie et finale; Bach: Partita No 1; Diaz: Popular Venezuelan Tunes.
1 0 News; Ken Wheeler: Windmill Tilter (1). Jazz version of Don Quixote composed and played by trumpeter Ken Wheeler with the John Dankworth Orch.
1 30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orch/Wordsworth. Saint-Saens: Overture to an unfinished comic opera; Britten: Scottish Ballad; Alwyn: Scottish Dances; Grainger: Fantasy on Porgy and Bess; C. W. Orr: Cotswold hill tune; Suppe: Overture Poet and Peasant.
2 30 ECO Wind Ensemble. Alwyn: Concerto for flute and eight wind instruments; Josef Sellner: Andante and Variations; Gordon Jacob: Divertimento.
3 10 Schoenberg After Maeterlinck. Pelleas und Melisande (Berlin PO/Karajan); Herzgewachse (June Barton, soprano, London Sinfonietta/Atherton).
4 0 Choral Evensong from Hereford Cathedral.
4 55 News; Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Debut: Lars-Ulrik Mortensen (harpsichord). Melchior Schildt: Variations on Paduana Lachrymae; Variations on Gleich wie dass Feuer; Buxtehude: Suite; Aria Rofilis; J. J. Fux: Ciacona.
7 0 Sir Thomas More. Play presumed to be by Shakespeare and others, with Ian McKellen in the title role.
9 0 Bournemouth SO/Rudolf Barshai, Sheila Armstrong (sop), Alicia de Larrocha (piano). Mozart: Piano Concerto No 27.
9 30 Six Continents.
9 50 Bournemouth SO, part 2. Mahler: Symphony No 4.
11 0 Anthony Goldstone (piano). Glaznov: Theme and Variations Op 72; Medtner: Three Tales; Schumann: Sonata Op 22.
11 57 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping Forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Today.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today, including 7 0, 8 0 News; 8 35 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 0 News; Midweek: Libby Purves.
10 0 News. Gardeners Question Time
10 30 Morning Story: Mrs Wentworth, by Lisa Taylor.
10 45 Daily Service
11 0 News. Missionary in Peking The letters of Ethel Wilding, who arrived in China in 1926
11 48 Music Shop Musicians' jargon. 6 Dominoes, Fiascos and Farewells.
12 0 News; You and Yours.
12 27 The Great Impersonation, by E. Phillips Oppenheim. Drama serial (4).
1 0 The World At One: News.
1 35 Party Political Broadcast: Labour.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 News. Woman's Hour with guest Terry Waite, envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury
3 0 News. Afternoon Play How an Umbrella Changed Everything, by Shirley Cookin, based on an idea by Maupassant.
3 47 Time for Verse.
4 0 News; File on 4. Teenage sex and contraception.
4 40 Story Time. Old Glory by Jonathan Raban (8).
5 0 PM News Magazine
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 Just a Minute. Pointless quiz.
7 0 News; The Archers.
7 20 Checkpoint.
7 45 Miracles Take A Little Longer: The relief of Zimbabwe.
8 45 Analysis. The Second Spanish Armada. Likely impact on Britain of Spain's entry into the EEC.
9 30 More Wrestling than Dancing. Talk by David Moreau.
9 45 Kaleidoscope: The Kalevala. Influence of Finland's national epic on the country's arts.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: Frost in April, by Malachi Whitaker (1).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Today in Parliament.
12 0 News; weather; shipping.

VHF: 11 0-12 0 Schools. 1 55 pm Listening Corner. 2 5-3 0 Schools. 11 0 Study On 4. 11 30-12 0 Open University 12 30-1 10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 10 Farming Today. 6 25 Dalom Roberts. 7 33 A.M. 10 3 Mike Flynn 11 30 That's How It Was 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch 1 40 Catchphrase 1. 1 45 The Russell Grant Show. 3 30 Radio Brynsiencyn. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4 8 45 Male Voice Choir Competition. 9 30 As Radio 4. 9 45 Interlude. 9 55-4 0 am As Radio 2.

Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather; Gweler Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Ar Gof'a Chadw. 10 2 Galw Alun. 11 0 Newyddion Dia. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Sinndia Dyddiol. 12 15 pm Talwrn y Beirdd 1 0 Ar Yr Awr. 1 20 Cwlwm Pumo. 1 50 O Glawr 1 Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion 3 30 Interlude. 3 47 Gweler Radio 4 5 0 Post Prandial. 6 0 Gwyler Wales. 9 45 Pell ac Apos. 10 15 Newyddion, Ar Hyd y Nos 10 30 As Radio 4 VHF.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4 6 10 Farming News. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 0 News, Make Minor Music. 12 30 pm Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options 2 3 Taking Issue with Colin Bell 3 3 Art Sutter. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News; Piping. 6 35 Just for Fun. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 World Cup Sportsound. 9 30 Great River Journeys of the World The Crowford Raft Race 10 0 News; Ian Donaldson. 12 0-Close as Radio 4.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648kHz (463m) at the following times (GMT): 6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 7 30 Report on Religion. 7 45 That's Trad. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Classical Record Review. 8 30 Mainstream 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 The World Today. 9 30 Financial News 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Sarkhubir and Santuqs 10 0 News. Time Remembered 10 30 Jazz Score. 11 0 News. 11 9 News About Britain. 11 15 Mediterranean Dialogue 12 0 noon Radio Newsreel 12 15 pm Nature Notebook. 12 25 The Farming World. 12 45 Sports Roundup 1 0 News 1 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 1 30 Handel and the Oratorio. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 Reports on Religion. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 35 The Classical Guitar. 3 30 Two Cheers in February. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary 4 15 Rock Salad 4 45 The World Today 5 0 News. 5 9 Monitor. 5 25 New Ideas 5 35 Waveguide. 8 0 News. 9 15 International Soccer Special. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Mediterranean Dialogue. 11 30 Top Twenty. 12 midnight News. 12 9 am News. About Britain 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Two Cheers for February. 1 0 News. Outlook. 1 30 Waveguide. 1 40 Book Choice. 1 45 Monitor. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network UK. 2 30 Assignment. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 Foreign Correspondents. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 International Soccer Special 5 45 The World Today

ENTERTAINMENTS GUIDE

THEATRES

London

ADELPHI. 836 7611. CC. 741 9999/836 7358. Group Sales 930 6123. THE LAMBETH WALK. LEANING ON A LAMP POST. SUN HAS GOT HIS HAT ON MUSICAL COMEDY "SENSATIONAL WILL BECOME THE SHOW OF THE YEAR" D. Exp. ME AND MY GIRL ROBERT LINDSAY FRANK THORNTON EMMA THOMPSON AND DAZZLING CO. OF 60 DIRECTED BY MIKE OCKRENT "THIS IS A GREAT PRODUCTION" BBC "A RESOUNDING HIT" S. Mirror. "TRIUMPHANT" D. Mail. "HAS A MODERN AUDIENCE HYSTERICAL WITH DELIGHT" S. Tel. "THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN" S. Exp. Many performances in February and March are SOLD OUT. 60,000 have got tickets. To help the others the Box Office has to be open seven days a week. Oil Nightly at 7.30. Mats. Wed. 2.30 & Sat. 4.45 & 8.15.

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AMBASSADORS. 836 6111. CC 741 9999. Grp Sales 930 6123. Evgs 8.00. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. LITTLE THEATRE OF COMEDY KELLY MONTIETH IN ONE

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BUSH THEATRE. 743 3388 RUMBLINGS By Peter Gibbs. Tues. to Sun. 8 pm

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BIRTHS

SMITH. — A Son, Peter Alfred, was born to Richard and Angela Smith on Feb. 19, 1985.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

FENERTY. — JOSEPH and GERALDINE. ON Feb 27, 1960, at English Martyrs, Litherland, Liverpool.

DEATHS

HARRIS. — On February 24, 1985, HARRY (POP), passed peacefully away, dearly loved Husband of Mary, devoted Father of Ellis, Joe, Ivor, Ben, Mike and Brother to Joshua. Deeply absorbed by his Daughters-in-law, Grandchildren and Great-grandchildren. Prayers at 27 Eccles Road, Manchester 8, 7.30 am and 8 pm.

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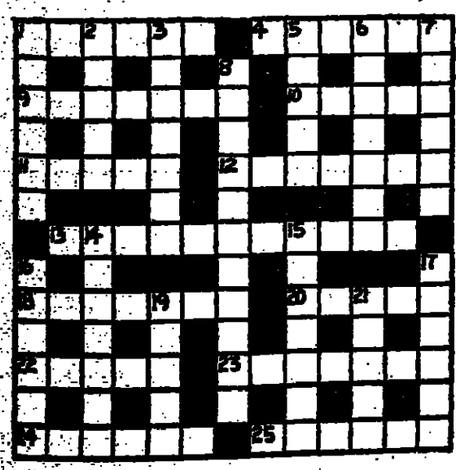

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1 Be tenant of (6).
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9 Ronald, novelist and aesthete (7).
10 Lord — town near Dumfries (5).
11 Play unfairly (5).
12 One always falling behind (7).
13 Readiness (11).
18 Restriction on nuclear explosions (4,3).
20 It may be cylinder or rotary (5).
22 Forbidden by custom etc. (5).
23 Just so (7).
24 Seat on horse (6).
25 Moreover (6).

DOWN
1 Post or place of work (6).
2 Cut into slices? (5).
3 Ghost (7).
5 Metallic sound (5).
6 Group that made "Do they know it's Christmas?" (7).
7 Kubla Khan's place (6).
8 It opens several locks (8, 3).
14 Young flower for gathering? (7).
15 Kettledrums (7).
16 Social position (6).
17 Scottish county and dukedom (6).
19 Cook on gridiron (5).
21 Timepiece (5).

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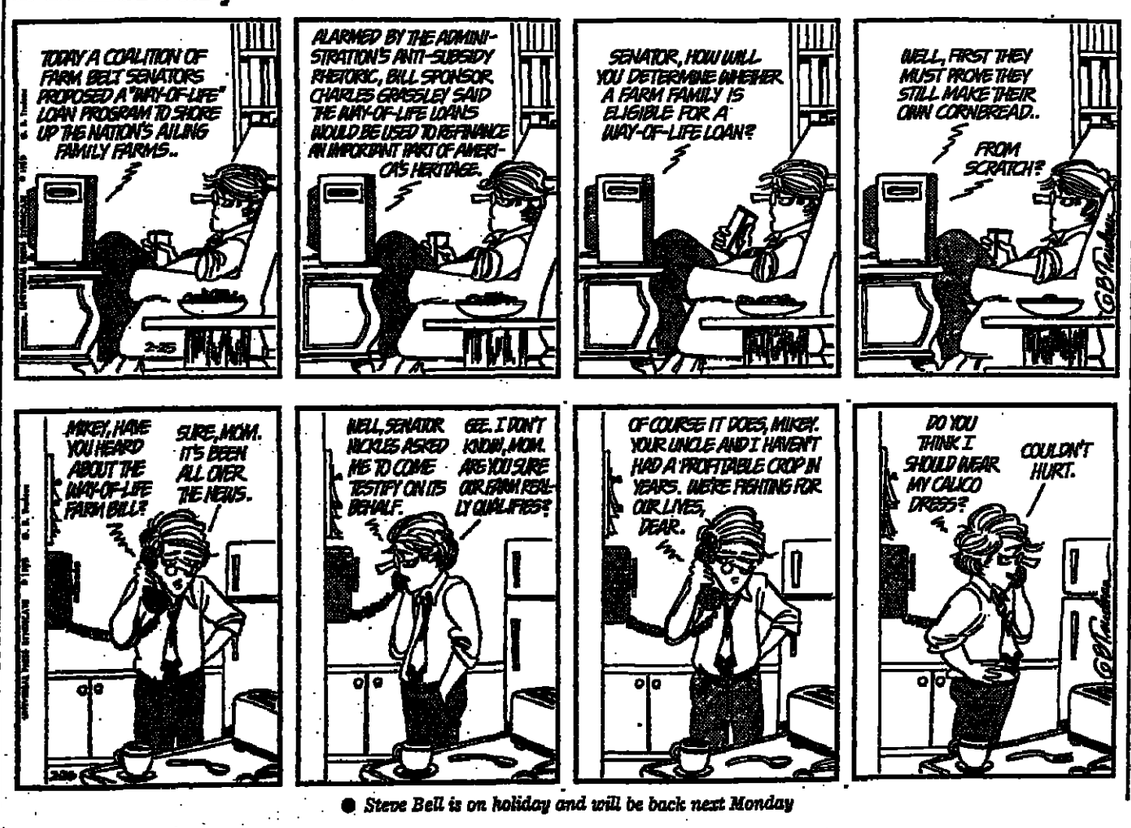

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MPs attack failure to win help from Reagan over pound

Sterling crisis dents Thatcher triumph in US

By Ian Aitken, Political Editor

The continuing fall in the value of the pound against the dollar yesterday took the shine off Mrs Thatcher's report to Parliament on her triumphant visit to Washington last week.

With the pound remorselessly approaching parity with the dollar, MPs on both sides appeared more interested in the exchange rate than in the standing ovation the Prime Minister won from a joint meeting of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

A succession of backbenchers, Tory, Labour and Alliance, jeered at Mrs Thatcher's failure to translate her Washington triumph into practical action from President Reagan to bail out sterling.

Many MPs urged her to make the ultimate break with the dollar and link sterling with the European monetary system.

Mrs Thatcher's statement on her Washington visit betrayed no appreciation of the changed situation since her standing ovation on Capitol Hill. On the contrary, she repeated many of her commitments to US defence and economic policy.

But Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, argued that the Prime Minister had failed to persuade the President to bail out the pound by flattery and fawning.

He asked her whether her new policy was to sit back helplessly and watch the pound fall below parity with the dollar.

She was even accused from the Labour benches of licking President Reagan's boots and rubbishing a friendly Commonwealth country like New Zealand on the eve of a visit from its prime minister, Mr David Lange.

Last night Dr David Owen, the SDP leader accused Mrs Thatcher of an excessive enthusiasm in the past to identify the level of the pound with the Union Jack — an identification which now made the plummeting value of sterling look like national humiliation and disgrace.

He accused the Government of continuously mismanaging the national currency, claiming that there were better indicators of Britain's economic strength than the sterling/dollar exchange rate.

Dr Owen declared that the one sensible step the Government could take to solve the present currency crisis was to take Britain into the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. He pointed out that the Governor of the Bank of England and the CBI were arguing the same case.

"It is true that mere membership will not stop the pound falling but it could steady the movement against the dollar and maintain the all-important ingredient of exchange rate stability against the currencies of all our major trading partners," Dr Owen said at Hampton Court.

A succession of Conservative backbenchers urged Mrs Thatcher in the same direction in the Commons yesterday. But Mr Roy Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, argued that there was only one sensible means of stabilising sterling. It was a scheme of newly designed exchange controls designed to repatriate Britain's enormous capital investment abroad.

In a statement issued at Westminister last night Mr Hattersley said: "The Government should announce at once that it intends to withdraw fiscal privileges from those institutions which invest substantial proportions of their portfolios abroad. The tax penalties which they would then incur would result in British money being brought back to Britain."

Such a statement of intent, said Mr Hattersley, would provide an immediate psychological boost to the value of the pound and would stabilise sterling before the necessary legislation was passed.

Solihull ballot puts fight in NUT

By Andrew Moncur and Sarah Boseley

The National Union of Teachers, which yesterday hit schools with the start of a rolling series of three-day strikes, will now ballot its entire membership on action which threatens greater longterm disruption.

the union last week bowed to a High Court ruling compelling it to suspend its no-cover action in Solihull and ballot the 800 members at the borough's schools. Yesterday it announced that it would repeat the voting exercise nationally to head off legal action by other education authorities.

It claimed overwhelming support from the vote in Solihull where the Conservative-controlled council has contronted the unions with the court action under the 1984 Trade Union Act. With returns in from 69 of nearly 100 schools, it said that there was an 80 per cent vote in favour of resuming the indefinite campaign of disruption.

"We have given the Solihull authority the best possible answer." said Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the NUT. The action would resume immediately.

Voting relates to the call to union members to refuse to cover for absent staff, to stay in school during the midday break and to take part in out of hours staff and parents' meetings. The union regards such action as its most damaging weapon.

The NUT maintains that it is merely asking members to withdraw goodwill and to refuse voluntary duties. The employers claim that the action amounts to breach of contracts.

Friday's court hearing failed to resolve the issue. But Solihull has clearly stirred up a hornet's nest by its assertion in court that teachers who volunteer for lunch-time duties have entered into a "supplemental contract" which cannot be broken without adequate motive.

The union yesterday responded by calling on its 235,000 members to refuse to take part in voluntary supervision at midday "to avoid being trapped."

Mr Gordon Green, NUT senior vice-president and a Birmingham head teachers, said: "Unless local authorities distance themselves from the Solihull view presented in court teachers will be advised not to go back and do any oversight duties any more."

As the rolling series of strikes took effect, thousands of children across the country were sent home or stayed away for at least part of the day yesterday. The NUT action coincided with a half-day walk-out by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers (NAS/UWT).

Both unions claimed that the action had been a success. The NUT began its programme with a strike by 3,700 teachers in 216 schools in 26 local education authority areas. Each school was balloted before it was chosen and only those with a two-thirds majority to strike were picked.

The NUT plans to step up the action each week, with increasing numbers of its members taking part.

An NUT spokeswoman said: "We have already balloted enough members for next week. We're balloting now for strikes at the end of March."

The three-day strike was mainly hitting the shire counties, the union said. The target schools were chiefly in those areas such as Sussex, where local education authorities had written to teachers over their no-cover action, threatening to dock their pay.

"It's not what you might call our most militant areas which have been called out this week — there is nobody out from the Hea or Manchester or Sheffield," the spokeswoman added.

Birmingham, Croydon, Brent and Haringey were also among the areas hit. Teachers attended rallies in support of their claim while schools managed as best they could, sending children home or cancelling classes.

Mrs Glenys Kinnock, wife of the Labour leader, was one of the NUT members on strike in Brent. the 300 pupil school where she teaches, Wykenham junior mixed and infants in Neasden, was deserted as she and 20 colleagues attended a rally.

Mrs Kinnock said: "We have been forced into this strike by the intransigence of management and the Government. I express regret to parents. We are not just striking about pay but the whole way that the education service has been under-funded and undervalued."

The Tory party chairman, Mr John Gummer, later attacked Mrs Kinnock in particular and the striking teachers in general for "militant irresponsibility" in refusing arbitration and "taking their pay claim out on the children." He said: "So Mrs Kinnock has joined the teachers' strike — she would prefer higher pay and more unemployment."

The morning's all-out strike by the 127,000-strong NAS/UWT affected about 20,000 schools throughout the country in varying degrees, their spokeswoman said. She claimed that 2,000 schools were completely or mostly closed, and said that thousands of children sent home in the morning stayed home for the rest of the day. "Five million children had their education disrupted," she said.

Mr Fred Jarvis: vote answers count action

BR plea to end blacking bypasses unions

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

British Rail is to bypass the unions in an attempt to end the ban on coal movements. Hundreds of drivers and guards will be told that they must choose between the future of their industry and loyalty to the locomen's union, Aslef, and the National Union of Railwaymen.

BR will warn its 140,000 employees at depot meetings over the next few days that jobs will be at risk through loss of freight business if the blacking continues. They will also be told that the BR board wants to cut the costs of its freight business by up to 30 per cent.

Aslef and the NUR have instructed drivers and guards not to move coal or cross National Union of Mineworkers' picket lines. The unions confirmed yesterday that the blacking remains in force.

Mr John Palette, BR managing director for personnel reused to say whether men being suspended for refusing to move coal would be sacked. "Those directly involved in the traffic not being moved will be given the choice to move it. We shall they have to consider their positions. We will not commit ourselves until we know what their response is," he said.

"They have a job which is now at risk and if they wish to put that job at further risk then they must make that decision. We would hope they wouldn't."

BR is moving about 200,000 tonnes of coal a week of the 600,000 to 700,000 tonnes on offer and the rest is going by road. Between 40 and 200 men are suspended each day for refusing to move coal trains.

The NUR general secretary, Mr Jimmy Knapp, said difficulties would be "exacerbated if the board went ahead with its direct approach to staff. The matter should continue to be dealt with in the Railway Council, where BR gave its ultimatum yesterday.

Leaders of the Rail Federation (NUR and Aslef) would meet again tomorrow "to decide what to say to our members."

Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of Aslef, said: "Our members have stood firmly behind the NUM these last 11 months because they know the loss of pits will mean the loss of jobs for our people. They are not going to give up now.

"The last time BR went over our heads was in the flexible rostering dispute in 1982. That was an absolute fiasco. If they go over our heads this time I am convinced they will end up in another fiasco."

Mr Knapp said: "They were unable to tell us what the 30 per cent reduction in costs meant. We don't know the size of that problem till we see it. We know our members will stick with the (blacking) policy as they have done over the last 11 months."

Mr Palette said: "We are not going over the heads of the unions. The staff work for us and it is our job to talk to them. Reducing costs would affect staff numbers but it needn't be dramatic and there are ways of dealing with that if there is cooperation with the trade unions."

About 11,500 BR staff are directly involved in the freight business, with another 13,000 indirectly engaged in support services.

BR said last night that the 30 per cent saving referred specifically to the "speedlink" service which accounts for 7 per cent of freight business. The figure was put forward during yesterday's talks as the maximum savings required to meet competition.

Huge oil surplus cuts trade deficit by £76m

By Christopher Huhne, Economics Editor

Exports fell back in January from the previous month's peak but the trade deficit shrank to £76 million from £344 million in December largely due to a record oil surplus, Department of Trade and Industry figures showed yesterday. The overall deficit is the smallest since last February.

The trade figures are dominated by a sharp improvement in the oil account, with oil exports up £85 million to £1,636 million and oil imports down £100 million to £708 million despite extra oil burn in power stations due to the miners' strike.

The non-oil deficit of £1,004 million in January remains large

The balance of goods, services and other payments — the current account — is said to have been in surplus by £324 million in January, although this includes a provisional surplus on invisible trade like tourism and shipping of £400 million.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, said yesterday that the high dollar had opened up "great opportunities" for exporters to set against the disadvantages of high interest rates, but he warned that the losses would outweigh gains if the pound fell very much further.

His officials said that the underlying trend of exports was clearly upwards, while imports were levelling off. The volume of manufactured exports (excluding erratic items) fell back gently from December's peak but was still nearly 9 per cent above last year's first quarter.

However, this merely keeps pace with world trade growth despite the 30 per cent fall in the pound against all our trading partners' currencies since the beginning of 1981 which should have made our exports substantially more attractive.

The volume of manufactured imports nevertheless fell back by 4½ per cent in January, to leave them 6 per cent above the first quarter level. There is also some encouragement in the pattern of increased imports over the last year, since capital equipment is up by nearly 11 per cent.

All the trade figures are subject to substantial revision. The current account surplus for 1984, which was put last month at £196 million, has bee nrevised downwards to £79 million. The manufactured goods deficit is now put at £3,841 million, up from the first ever deficit in manufactures of £2,379 million in 1983.

Dollar slips after Volcker warning

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cannot be sustainable for any length of time given the massive US current account trade deficits which topped $130 billion last year.

Mr Volcker questioned whether recent intervention had been forceful enough. "I can't say there has been any dramatic success. I think there is a question of whether actions may have been forceful enough, including intervention."

He argued for a combination of domestic monetary actions and intervention where necessary to bring the US currency down and he was concerned about the rise in the dollar and the volatility seen on the foreign exchange markets.

Some dealers said that European central banks intervened while Mr Volcker was speaking but later on it appeared that intervention had been barely noticeable and the Bank of England once again stood on the sidelines.

The Federal Reserve remarks were in sharp contrast to those of the US Treasury, where officials said that there was no magic wand to be waved to stop the dollar's climb and again repeated administration reservations about the value of concerted intervention by the Western economic powers.

John Hooper adds: The rise in the dollar helped to cause British crude to lose 35 cents on the Rotterdam oil spot market, where cargoes of Brent blend for delivery next month were being traded by the end of the day at $27.30 — well below the official price of $28.65. The move is likely to hit sterling, which is acutely sensitive to oil price changes.

The warmer weather and increased supplies from Iran also played a part but because crude oil is priced in dollars it is becoming steadily more expensive in other currencies, with the result that traders are beginning to encounter customer resistance.

On the mend

The comedian Les Dawson, aged 52, who was transferred to the intensive care unit of the Royal Preston Hospital with a blood infection after a routine prostate gland operation, was said yesterday to be continuing to improve.

Falklands stance altered

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ington were informal, though the Argentinians were frequently in touch with their embassy during the discussions.

The paper says: "The participants expressed the view that in a complex matter of this kind official discussions should not be attempted unless and until there is established a set of agreed principles and propositions that create a relevant context for negotiation and that this might best be achieved by informal discussion between persons with access to, but not part of, government."

It is claimed that the goodwill suggested that more similar encounters could help build links although sovereignty is still the obstacle to full-scale official talks.

The ocument says: "It was noted that there could not be progress on transition to peaceful relations until there was agreement in principle to discuss all aspects of the future of the islands."

This appears to rule out for the present any new round of talks between the governments.

Mugabe's men blamed for killings

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ately, but I don't expect to ever see them in court for these cold-blooded murders."

Bishop Muzorewa alleged that Zanu is terrorising the population. "This is not an isolated case," the bishop, a former prime minister, said.

"It is a plan for all opposition parties to be disrupted . . . these atrocities provide tngible evidence to support my ortrepeated claim that the Zimbabwe environment is devoid of freedom and fairness, that all fundamental human rights and freedoms such as freedom of assembly, association, movement, press are being flagrantly violated on a daily basis."

The Hwange shootings came after a weekend of political violence in Bulawayo and several weeks of factional violence. Two members of Zanu were killed in clashes with the main opposition party, Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zapu. and Zanu claimed yesterday that 11 of its members have been killed in the last week in factional violence

Mr Nkomo has also claimed that his followers have been killed, abducted, beaten and harassed.

What next? miners ask

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Mr Willis promised to maintain his attempts to bring the NUM and the NCB to the negotiating table.

Questions of further financial and industrial support were raised by Mr Scargill, a proposal which elicited a lukewarm response from TUC leaders.

The general council is unlikely to do more than issue a declaration that the TUC is doing all it can to obtain a negotiated settlement.

After yesterday's TUC meeting, Mr Scargill was asked whether the NUM executive would respond to suggestions for a recalled delegate conference to consider an organised return to work.

He replied "If the NUM at any time receives a request from any of our areas, obviously that will be considered."

Pressed further on the question of a return to work without a deal, he said: "There will never be a signature on an agreement to close pits in this industry"

Mr Scargill again challenged the board's return-to-work figures, pointing out that while some had gone back to work others had joined the strike. The board says that between 20 to 30 miners are rejoining the strike in a week.

Leaders of the South Derbyshire NUM, representing 3,200 miners, will today discuss following the lead of the Nottinghamshire area, which called off the national overtime imposed in November, 1983.

Mr Ken Toon, the South Derbyshire secretary, said yesterday that the leadership was under considerable pressure to adopt such a course.

A report to the Derbyshire planning committee today says that up to seven of the 14 collieries in North Derbyshire could be closed by the end of the century.

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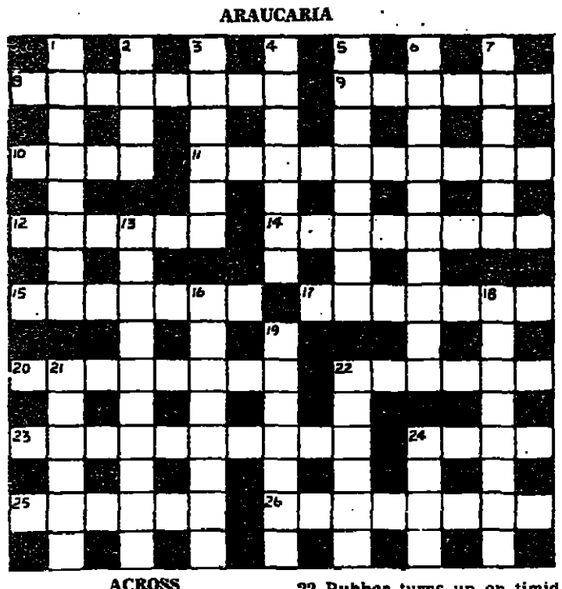

ACROSS

8 Polite rejoinder: no spare-time soldiers over six feet? (3, 2, 3).
9 Back silencer to manage the Times? (6).
10 Abstract ending with 24 down (4).
11 Queen very wicked without proof (10).
12 Capital of the French almost without vision (6).
14 God, the heart of a religion, a myth, maybe (8).
15 Detention by coppers to-day — one missing (7).
17 Truly hot number is available (2, 5).
20 Waste gases causing disease in a form of 5 first (8).
22 Rubber turns up on timid creatures (6).
23 Rough J.R. up and decide to be partial (10).
24 Not a deep breath, as when doctor's around (4).
25 Best girl is topless girl (6).
26 21 Word of the roses used for 10's place (8, 6).

DOWN

1 Unpaid love for Scots singer in the Pacific (8).
2 3 Perhaps I am right and I am the bride with 6? (4, 6).
4 Rule about impudence for the launch (7).
5 10's fishy fellows around railway (5, 3).
6 10 getting married in the vestry? (6, 4).
7 The endless corrosion calls for swift advance (6).
13 10's T-joint — he'll repair it (6, 4).
16 Compasses would-be rulers? (8).
18 10's friend's school store? (4, 4).
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22 Positive return after afters in Yorkshire (6).
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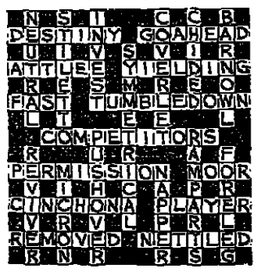

Solution tomorrow

THE WEATHER

Mild with some sun

A TROUGH of low pressure will affect western districts.

London, E Anglia, SE, Cent S, E, NW, Cent N and NE England, Midlands, Lake District: Dry, fog patches clearing, sunny intervals developing. Wind S, light. Max temp 8 to 10C (46 to 50F), but frost in places places at first.

Channel Islands, SW England, S and N Wales: Rather cloudy, a little coastal fog or drizzle, some sunny intervals. Wind S, moderate. Max 9 to 11C (48 to 52F).

Isle of Man, SW, NE and NW Scotland, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Cloudy, a little rain or drizzle at times, mainly over coasts and hills. Wind S, moderate or fresh. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F).

Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Cent Highlands, Moray Firth: Mainly dry, fog patches at first, sunny intervals developing. Wind S, mainly light. Max 7 to 9C (45 to 48F), but frost in places at first.

Outlook: Dry at first but outbreaks of rain or drizzle spreading to many districts. Brighter showery weather following into SW districts during Friday

AROUND THE WORLD

LUNCH TIME REPORTS

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Ajaccio	S	14	57	Luxembourg	S	7	45
Amsterdam	F	7	45	Madrid	C	12	54
Athens		11	52	Majorca	C	12	54
Bahrain	S	22	72	Malaga	S	17	63
*Barbados	F	28	82	Malta	S	13	55
Barcelona	C	11	52	Manchester	C	9	48
Belgrade	C	-3	27	Mexico C	S	20	68
Beirut	F	10	50	*Miami	C	26	79
*Bermuda	F	21	70	Montreal	F	0	32
Berlin	C	3	37	Moscow	S	-10	14
Biarritz	S	17	63	Munich	S	2	36
Birmingham	S	11	52	Nairobi	F	24	75
Bombay	S	31	88	Naples	C	12	54
Bordeaux	S	13	55	*Nassau	C	25	77
*Boston	S	11	52	Newcastle	C	7	45
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Bristol	C	9	48	*New York	F	9	48
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Cardiff	R	6	43	Ottawa			
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Casablanca	S	17	63	Peking	S	3	37
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Corfu	S	14	57	Rhodes	S	10	50
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Karachi	S	29	84	Valencia	C	14	57
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Las Palmas	S	19	66	Wellington	S	22	72
Locarno	C	7	45	Warsaw	C	-3	27
London	F	10	50	*Wash'ton	F	14	57
*L Angeles	S	16	61	Zurich	S	5	41

C, cloudy; F, fair; Fg, fog; R, rain; S, sunny; Sn, snow.
* Previous day's readings.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	6.25 pm to 6.47 am
Birmingham	6.11 pm to 6.27 am
Bristol	6.16 pm to 6.24 am
Glasgow	6.16 pm to 6.43 am
London	6.06 pm to 6.19 am
Manchester	6.12 pm to 6.30 am
Newcastle	6.07 pm to 6.30 am
Nottingham	6.08 pm to 6.27 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	6.03 am 6.31 pm
Dover	2.57 am 3.27 pm
Liverpool	3.11 am 3.36 pm

SUN RISES 6.51 am
SUN SETS 5.36 pm
MOON SETS 1.06 am
MOON RISES 9.33 am
MOON: First quarter

LONDON READINGS

From 6 p.m. yesterday to 6 a.m. yesterday: Min temp 4 C (39 F). From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. yesterday: Max temp 13C (55F). Total period: sunshine, 1.2 hrs.

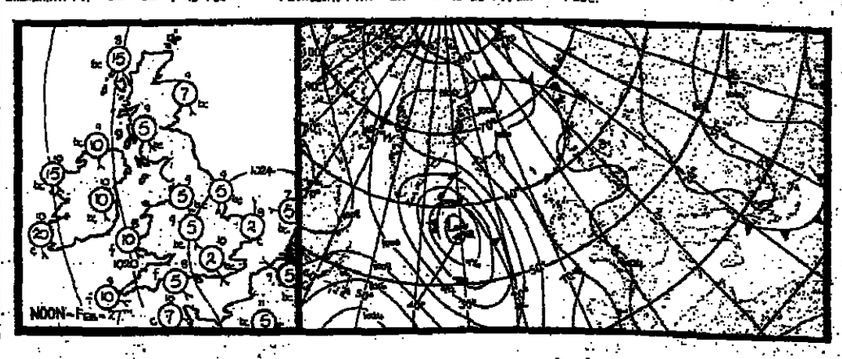
MANCESTER READINGS

From 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. yesterday: Min temp 3C (37F). From 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. yesterday: Max temp 12C (54F). Total sunshine, 6-7 hrs, rainfall, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs.	Rain in.	Max. temp. C	Max. temp. F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	1.1	—	13	55	Bright
Birmingham	5.7	—	12	54	Sunny
Blackpool	2.9	—	10	50	Bright
Manchester	6.7	—	12	54	Sunny
Nottingham	7.6	—	13	55	Sunny
Newcastle	4.5	.02	10	50	Sunny pm
Carlisle	—	—	9	48	Dull
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	7.8	—	11	52	Sunny
Bridlington	8.2	—	12	54	Sunny
Cromer	7.7	—	11	52	Sunny
Lowestoft	4.0	—	11	52	Sunny
Clacton	1.3	—	10	50	Bright
Margate	—	—	10	50	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	—	—	7	45	Fog
Hastings	0.7	—	8	46	Fog am
Eastbourne	0.2	—	8	46	Fog
Brighton	—	—	7	45	Fog
Worthing	—	—	7	45	Fog
Bognor Regis	—	—	6	43	Fog
Southsea	—	—	7	45	Fog
Sandown	—	—	8	46	Fog
Shanklin	—	—	9	48	Fog am
Ventnor	—	—	7	45	Fog
Bournemouth	—	—	8	46	Fog
Poole	2.0	—	12	54	Fog am
Swanage	1.9	—	10	50	Bright am
Weymouth	0.7	—	10	50	Dull
Exmouth	1.1	—	9	48	Fog am
Teignmouth	0.8	—	9	48	Fog
Torquay	1.9	—	13	55	Sunny pm
Falmouth	3.8	—	14	57	Sunny
Penzance	1.5	—	9	48	Fog am
St Ives	5.7	—	13	55	Sunny
Jersey					
WEST COAST					
Isles of Scilly	2.5	.10	12	54	Showers
Newquay	0.7	—	15	59	Bright
Ilfracombe	0.2	.02	13	55	Drizzle am
Colwyn Bay	4.7	—	9	48	Sunny am
Southport	3.8	.01	10	50	Fog am
Morecambe	—	—	8	46	Dull
Douglas	—	—	7	45	Cloudy pm
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	—	.01	5	41	Fog
Prestwick	2.9	—	10	50	Cloudy
Glasgow	1.4	—	9	48	Cloudy
Tiree	4.8	—	8	46	Bright
Stornoway	3.5	—	10	50	Rain am
Lerwick	5.3	—	9	48	Sunny
Wick	8.5	—	10	50	Sunny
Kinloss	6.9	—	12	54	Sunny
Aberdeen	8.6	—	13	55	Sunny
St Andrews	3.2	—	10	50	Sunny pm
Edinburgh	2.7	—	11	52	Bright
N IRELAND					
Belfast	2.7	—	10	50	Fog am



SATELLITE-PREDICTIONS

The figures give in order, time and visibility when rising, maximum elevation and direction of setting. An asterisk denotes entering or leaving eclipse.

London

Aryabhata R: 18.26–18.31 WSW 60 SE E*: 20.03–20.05 W 45W 3W*.

Cosmos 751R: 19.32–19.36 WSW 75ENE ENE.

Cosmos 185R: 19.30–19.35 W 30NNW NNE*

Ops 2R: 18.49–18.55 NNW 40W SSW; (Feb 28) 5.26–5.31 ESE 15E NE.

Salyut 7: (Feb. 28) 6.08–6.13 W 70SSE ESE.

Manchester

Aryabhata R: 18.26–18.31 SW 40SE E; 20.03–20.05 WSW 40SW SW*.

Cosmos 751R: 19.32–19.35 SW 55SE SE*.

Cosmos 185R: 19.29–19.35 WSW 40NNW NNE*; 21.11–21.12 NW 15NW NW*.

Ops 2R: 18.48–18.55 NNW 50WSW SSW; (Feb 28) 5.27–5.31 ESE 15ENE NE.

Salyut 7: (Feb. 28) 6.08–6.13 W 50SW ESE.

SCOTTISH SKI REPORTS

Cairngorms: Upper and middle runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes: Complete but narrow spring snow; vertical runs: 1,800ft; roads clear; snow level: 2,000ft.

Glenshee: Upper runs: complete, wet snow; lower slopes: limited nursery areas, wet snow; vertical runs: 1,000ft; roads clear; snow level: 2,000ft.

Glencoe: Insufficient snow.

Lecht: Upper and middle runs complete, spring snow; lower slopes: ample nursery areas, spring snow; vertical runs: 700ft; roads clear; snow level: 2,000ft.

Forecast: Mostly dry with sunny intervals. Isolated showers, freezing level 4,000ft. Wind south-south-easterly, fresh or stiffer.

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